

# Parents' guide to controlled assessment – GRAPHIC PRODUCTS

<b>How much is it worth?</b>	<b>What has to be done?</b>	
<p>The Controlled Assessment in Graphic Products is worth 60% of the final grade.</p> <p>The examination ( an un-tiered paper of 2 hours duration) forms the remaining 40%.</p>	<p>Students are given a brief from a selection set by the examination board. They have to research their chosen topic thoroughly and present their results in their own words. From these results they have to write a design specification and produce a range of suitable design ideas. The work will involve 2D design work which will eventually form the artwork or graphic design which will go on their chosen products. This will initially be drawn by hand and then generated on a computer using available software.</p> <p>Folder work must also include 3D design work, initially drawn by hand. Ideas will be developed through making mock-ups and testing. It is important that students keep a photographic and written record of their model-making and testing which must include evaluations and suggestions for further design improvement.</p> <p>As part of design development ideas will also be generated using a CAD/CAM program which will lead to more precise card model-making. Depending on the brief, students may need to design and make at least four items of varying complexity. One product may be a form of packaging or display item to help promote, contain and protect other products. At least one 3D product will need to be designed and made that will challenge and stretch the students according to their ability. Students will need to be able to plan for making and complete all aspects of their practical work to the best possible standard.</p>	
<b>When is it done?</b>	<b>Can parents help their children?</b>	<b>If the mark is low, can it be re-done or improved?</b>
<p>In Graphic Products the Controlled Assessment starts after Easter in Yr 10 and continues until mid February in Yr 11.</p> <p>It should be approximately 45 hours of supervised work. If a student is absent during a Controlled Assessment, task time can be reallocated to that student to complete the work, under teacher supervision.</p>	<p>All written work has to be carried out solely by students under the supervision of a teacher. All work has to be carried out in school with the exception of conducting research.</p> <p>Research notes may be collected outside of the classroom at any time but the write up of these notes must take place under the same supervised conditions.</p> <p>Students may also be given permission to finish off a piece of work that has been started in school. However, it will need to be checked before the work is taken home and the work may not be redone at home.</p>	<p>Controlled assessment tasks can be improved within the 45 hours set aside to complete the task. Students cannot, however, improve their work once it has been formally assessed.</p>