**Graphic Communication: Top tips for success**

* Collect examples of designs you like, and those you don’t!
* Be willing to talk about your work and familiarise yourself with specialist vocabulary.
* Take ownership of your projects and be confident in taking creative risks.
* Never hesitate to ask for guidance from your teacher.
* Follow ‘Adobe TV’ and other online tutorials. Don’t be afraid to try new software and techniques.
* Remain open-minded about Graphic Communication – it can take almost any form.
* Carry out sustained and focused investigations as your ideas progress; this will help you create a higher quality final piece.
* Maintain pace during long projects and work with your teacher to set short-term objectives.

**Students’ advice:**

* Use the course glossary to incorporate key words into your annotations.
* Generate lots of ideas across a variety of themes when responding to a design brief.
* Be open to receiving constructive criticism and act on the advice you receive from teachers and course mates.
* Record all stages of your ideas development in a variety of ways, such as sketching, drawing, examining the work of others, exploring mixed media, mind mapping etc
* Be critical of your own work and always endeavor to improve it.