**GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION HIGHER**

**CONTENT**

The Course is practical yet exploratory and experiential in nature. On completing the Course, learners will have developed skills in 2D and 3D graphics, as well as pictorial graphics. They will be able to apply these skills in order to produce graphics that require visual impact and graphics that transmit information. There are 2 units:

**2D Graphic Communication** – This Unit helps learners to develop their creativity and presentation skills within a 2D graphic communication context. It will allow learners to initiate, plan, develop and communicate ideas graphically, using two-dimensional graphic techniques. Learners will develop a number of skills and attributes within a 2D graphic communication context, including spatial awareness, visual literacy, and the ability to interpret given drawings, diagrams and other graphics. Learners will evaluate the effectiveness of their own and given graphic communications to meet their purpose.

**3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication** – This Unit helps learners to develop their creativity and presentation skills within a 3D and pictorial graphic communication context. It will allow learners to initiate, plan, develop and communicate ideas graphically, using three-dimensional graphic techniques. Learners will develop a number of skills and attributes within a 3D graphic communication context, including spatial awareness, visual literacy, and the ability to interpret given drawings, diagrams and other graphics. Learners will evaluate the effectiveness of their own and given graphic communications to meet their purpose.

**ASSESSMENT**

**Course units:** All units are internally assessed on a pass/fail basis. These assessments may be on a unit-by-unit approach or by using a combined assessment.

**Course assessment**

Component 1 – Assignment. A coursework portfolio to showcase 2D and 3D skills, set by the SQA worth 70 marks.

Component 2 – Question paper. An external exam set by the SQA worth 70 marks.

**HOMEWORK**

Homework will be distributed as course topics allow, averaging about 30 minutes per week. Homework will be handed out at least one week before it is due in, to give pupils the opportunity to analyse the task and clarify any queries.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Entry to the Higher course is open to students who have a National 5 in Graphic Communication. However students who achieve less than a B pass at National 5 will need to be prepared for the step up in knowledge and depth of answer needed to do well in Higher. Students who want to join the subject having not taken it before will need to spend a lot of external study time getting up to speed in using the specialist graphics software used in the subject.