2018 GCSE GRAPHIC DESIGN – Important Dates & Deadlines

Week Beginning:	
Monday 8th January **WEEK 1**	• After already receiving your GCSE Graphic Design examination paper. 1. Read through the EXAM paper carefully. 2. Consider each question- use the internet to look at the designers that the exam board suggest. 3. Make any notes/ ideas that you can think of. 4. Choose ONE question and begin initial research- find appropriate images for your project.
Monday 15th January **WEEK 2**	• By this date you should have 100% decided on an appropriate examination question. • You should undertake initial research – collecting visual reference from the internet/books or take your own photographs. You could also begin to produce a selection of drawings/ tracings. • **MANAGE TIME WISELY – USE LESSON TIME TO COMPLETE PRACTICAL WORK & PRINT OFF**
Monday 22nd January **WEEK 3**	• Continue to collect research, producing tracings, collecting & take own photographs.
Monday 29th February **WEEK 4**	• Start initial design ideas. Make sure that you look at your research for ideas to use. • Practice developing different techniques using Photoshop. • Seek advice from your teacher about progress so far.
Monday 5th February **WEEK 5**	• Continue initial design ideas. Make sure that you look at your research for ideas to use. • Continue to collect appropriate artistic reference/ work by other designers to support your own ideas. • **Remember- make sure to write about an example(s) of your research**
Monday 12th February **WEEK 6**	• Continue initial design ideas. Make sure that you look at your research for ideas to use.

Monday 19th February **WEEK 7**	**FEBRUARY HALF TERM** • Use this time as an opportunity to take your own photographs & collect more research
Monday 26th February **WEEK 8**	**YEAR 11 MOCKS: 27th February – 6th March** • Bear in mind you may be out of Graphics lessons during your mocks. • Continue initial design ideas. Make sure that you look at your research for ideas to use. • Discuss your ideas with your teacher and consider trying out different compositions and colour schemes.
Monday 5th March **WEEK 9**	**YEAR 11 MOCKS: 27th February – 6th March** • Bear in mind you may be out of Art & Design lessons during your mocks. • You should begin to finalise your ideas this week – speak to your teacher and ensure you are 100% confident about the designs you will produce during the 10 hour exam.
Tuesday 13th March **Periods 3 & 4**	**** GCSE GRAPHIC DESIGN EXAM START **** Details of dates/times to be provided by your teacher. Total exam time=10 hours The first session will be 2 hours followed by 8 single hour lessons. All preparation work must be handed over at the start of the exam- you will not be allowed to add any more photographs & research when the exam begins.
Monday 19th March	**** EXAM ONGOING****
Monday 26th March	**** EXAM ONGOING**** **ALL EXAM WORK TO BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED TO YOUR TEACHER BY EASTER BREAK**
Monday 2nd – Friday 13th April	**EASTER HOLIDAYS** **OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT & COMPLETE ANY OUTSTANDING COURSEWORK**
Monday 30th April	**ALL COURSEWORK TO BE SUBMITTED FOR FINAL ASSESSMENT**