



Scarborough Sixth Form College

A-Level Graphic Communication Bridging Work





Welcome

- Approx. 4 hours to complete | Deadline: First week of term in September
- Welcome to your summer bridging programme for A-Level Graphic Communication.
- This programme is designed to prepare you for the exciting journey ahead as you transition from secondary school to Scarborough Sixth Form College.



Bridging Overview

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- This bridging work will take approximately 4 hours to complete and consists of four main sections:
 1. Understanding Graphic Communication
 2. Exploring Design Influences
 3. Building Your Technical Skills
 4. Creating Your First Mini-ProjectLet's dive in and get creative



[Link to Video](#)

Part 1: Understanding Graphic Communication

What is Graphic Communication?

Graphic Communication is all about visual storytelling and problem-solving through design.

At A-Level, we'll explore how to communicate messages effectively through various visual media.

Task 1: Research and Reflect

Watch this short video that introduces graphic design principles:

“What is Graphic Design?” by Gareth David Studio (YouTube)

Write 5-10 key points you have learnt. This could be on Notes on your phone

Part 2: Task 2: Create a Mind Map

Create a colourful mind map that explores the question: “What is Graphic Communication?”

Include at least 10 different areas of graphic communication that interest you. The areas provided by the exam board are:

Possible areas of study include:

- illustration
- typography
- editorial
- advertising and branding
- package design
- design for print
- computer graphics
- multimedia design
- animation and special effects
- storyboarding and layout
- bookworks
- web and app design
- game design.



The mind map can be a visual mind map, (either hand made or digital)
or
save the images on your phone and make notes on a program such as Notes.

Part 3: Creative Exploration – Pattern & Texture (1.5 hours)

Take what you've found in Part 1 and begin exploring through making.

Option 1

1. Choose 3–4 textures from your earlier work and:
 - Recreate them using drawing (pen, pencil, ink)
 - Experiment with materials like layering tissue, thread, fabric scraps, or found papers
 - Try repeating the textures into patterns or shapes
2. Present your work on 3–4 pages (on paper or digitally), showing:
 - Experiments
 - Notes on what worked
 - Any happy accidents or unexpected results

You don't need to create a final piece – just play and explore.

Option 2:

- Look at your texture photos from Part 1.
- Use your phone's photo editing tools (like markup or drawing) to **draw over the textures** or **trace shapes**.
- Try repeating shapes or lines to make patterns.
- Take screenshots of your edits.
- Present your work in notes, showing:
 - Experiments
 - Notes on what worked
 - Any happy accidents or unexpected results



Part 4: Your Creative Response (1 hour)

Now it's time to take what you've explored and create a mini textile-inspired outcome.

This could be:

- A stitched collage
 - A pattern design on paper or fabric
 - A mixed media piece using your favourite textures and ideas
 - A fashion or interior design concept board
- Use your texture photos and artist inspiration to create a **digital collage with what you have access to:**
 - Combine photos using your phone's screenshot feature (e.g. arrange them in a grid).
 - Add hand-drawn marks using your phone's photo editing tools.
 - Add a short reflection (around 100 words) to explain your idea and what inspired you.



What to Bring in September:

- Your sketchbook or pages of work
- Any samples, materials, or photos you used
- Your artist research

An open mind and a willingness to experiment!

We can't wait to meet you in September and see the creative work you've produced over the summer! This bridging programme is just the beginning of your Textile Design journey. At A-Level, you'll develop specialist skills, explore diverse design approaches, and build a portfolio that showcases your unique creative voice.

See you soon!

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