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.