

# HIGHERS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Higher Graphic Communication

GRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGIES

CfE  
HIGHER

2  
UNITS

2D GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION  
3D AND PICTORIAL GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

+  
COURSE  
ASSESSMENT

ASSIGNMENT + QUESTION PAPER



## Skills

Learners will be able to:

- develop skills in graphic communication techniques, including the use of equipment, graphics materials and software
- demonstrate creativity in the production of graphic communications to produce visual impact in meeting a specified purpose
- evaluate the effectiveness of graphics in communicating and meeting their purpose
- develop an understanding of graphic communication standards protocols and conventions, where these apply
- develop an understanding of the impact of graphic communication technologies on our environment and society



## Opportunities for Learners

Learners will be able to:

- enjoy practical and experiential learning opportunities
- initiate, develop and communicate often complex ideas graphically and with clarity
- interpret often complex graphic communications initiated by others
- select and use appropriate graphic communication equipment with skill and confidence
- employ software and materials effectively in tasks
- apply knowledge and understanding of graphic communication standards and protocols, where these apply



## Assessment

- To gain Higher Graphic Communication, learners must pass the two Units and the Course Assessment (Assignment and Question Paper for 140 marks)
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre and are quality assured by the SQA. Achievement of Units is recorded on the learner's qualifications certificate
- The SQA has provided examples of Unit assessments that teachers/lecturers can use as they are, or adapt to suit the needs of their learners
- The Course Assessment consists of an Assignment (70 marks) and a Question Paper (exam for 70 marks) which is in one sections (see below). The Assignment is marked internally and the Question Paper is marked externally by the SQA
- Higher Graphic Communication is graded from A to D or as No Award.



<b>Question Paper</b>	Questions on 2D Graphic Communication and on 3D and Pictorial Graphic Communication	2 hours 70 marks
<b>Specimen Paper Assignment</b>	<a href="http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/GraphicCommunicationSQPH.pdf">www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/GraphicCommunicationSQPH.pdf</a> Learners will respond to a graphic communication brief with a folio of research and development ideas, drawings, publications	70 marks



**Progression** Higher courses can stand alone or follow on from National 5 qualifications and may lead to Advanced Highers, the Scottish Baccalaureate and a range of qualifications within Further and Higher Education.



For course information, specimen question papers and past paper guidance visit:

Higher Graphic Communication: [www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47929.html](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47929.html)

[Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile](#)

[www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview\\_tcm4-665983.pdf](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf)

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