

# NAT 4/5 GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

## Why Graphic Communication?

Graphic Communication works on developing skills in graphic communication techniques, including sketching, rendering, the use of various computer software's and the use of drawing boards and equipment. You will also investigate graphic communications role in both the manufacturing/engineering world and the design and creative industry, while investigating its impact on our environment and society.

Throughout the course you will develop an understanding of the various design elements and principles and improve your knowledge and skills in recognizing and creating various different drawing styles and techniques.

## All candidates engage in:

- Both 2D and 3D Sketching and rendering to create a high quality realistic image.
- Using drawing equipment to create accurate drawings.
- The use of Computer software to create accurate manufacturing drawings.
- The use of computer software to create various types of graphics and publications.
- Critical and evaluation skills

## The aims of the course are to enable you to develop:

- Skills in both 2D and 3D graphics and the ability to apply these skills to produce graphics that meet a given brief.
- The ability to create graphics with visual impact.
- The ability to create relevant graphics that transmit information in both a visually appealing and coherent manner.

## What does the course involve?

This course is made up of two elements which are assessed through various tasks and folio work.

**2D Graphics:** Projects improving your ability to create and understand various 2D sketching and drawing techniques. It will work on improving your skills in spatial awareness and your ability to use drawing equipment to produce drawings that are both accurate and visually appealing. You will also work on improving your ability to plan and produce publications that have visual appeal.

**3D and Pictorial Graphics:** Projects improving your skills in creating pictorial sketches and drawings. Enhances your understanding and ability to use 3D computer software to

create accurate computer aided graphics and drawing to be used in the manufacture and creative industries.

### **How is your work assessed?**

Graphic Communication National 5 is assessed as A B C D.

Graphic Communication National 4 is assessed as Pass or Fail.

#### **National 4**

- To achieve a National 4 Graphic Communication, you must pass all of the required Units, including the Added Value Unit. All units are internally graded.

#### **National 5**

- To achieve a National 5 Graphic Communication, you must pass the Course Assessment.
- Course assessment consists of 2 components: a graphic design Assignment. (40marks) and a written question paper.(80 marks)

### **What prior qualifications do I need, if any, for entry to this course?**

Entry is at the discretion of the Principal Teacher of Design Faculty but as a rule Level 4 (Experiences and Outcomes) is required for National 5

### **Progression**

Higher Graphic Communication.