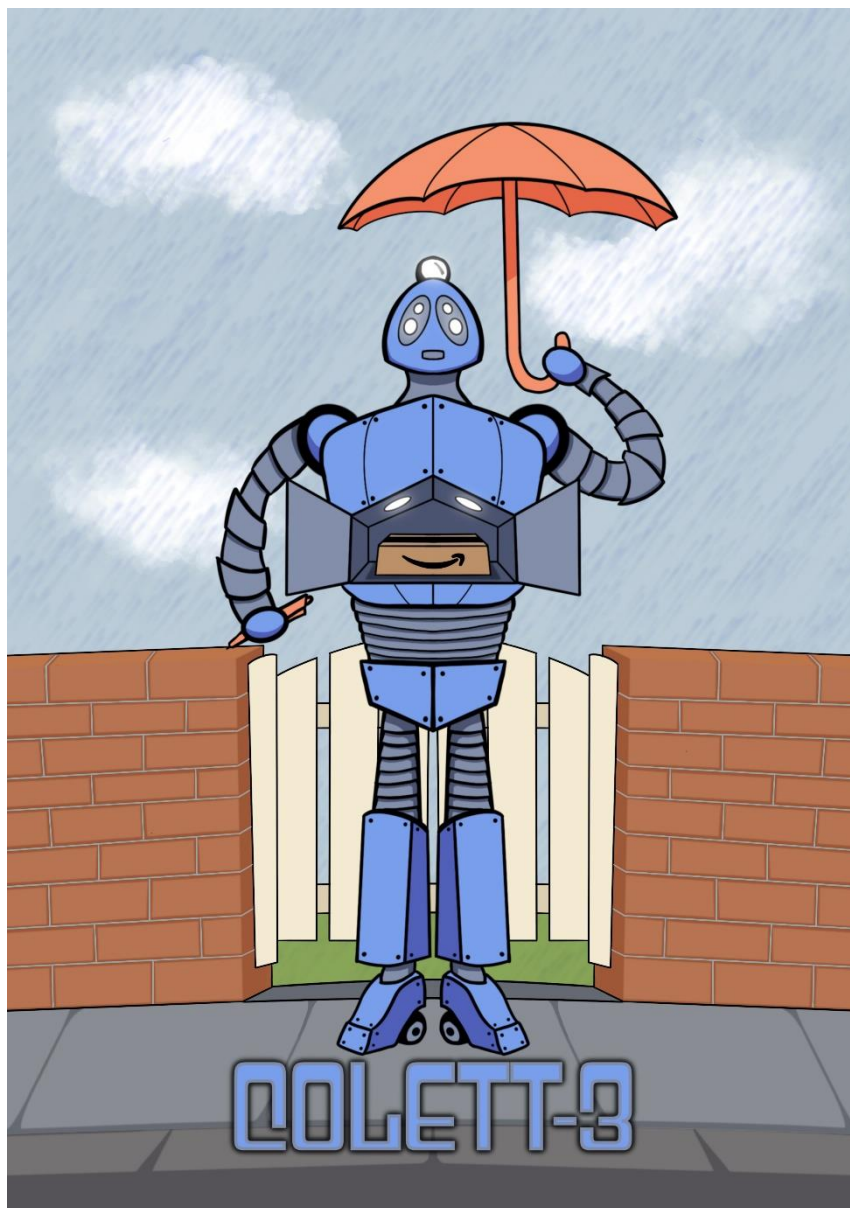


A LEVEL GRAPHIC DESIGN



Year 1

The first term consists of a range of short projects which build graphic design skills including composition, use of typography, use of photography, colour, illustration, collage and working to a set brief. Terms 2 and 3 will have longer projects which will refine and develop skills from the first term.

Terms 2 and 3 consist of a series of longer tasks designed to help students refine their skills in identifying and developing project ideas. Work from these projects may form the basis of the Personal Investigation in Year 2.

Year 2

The work in year two forms 100% of the A Level grade and consists of two units of work.

Unit 1: Personal Investigation - 60% of A Level Grade

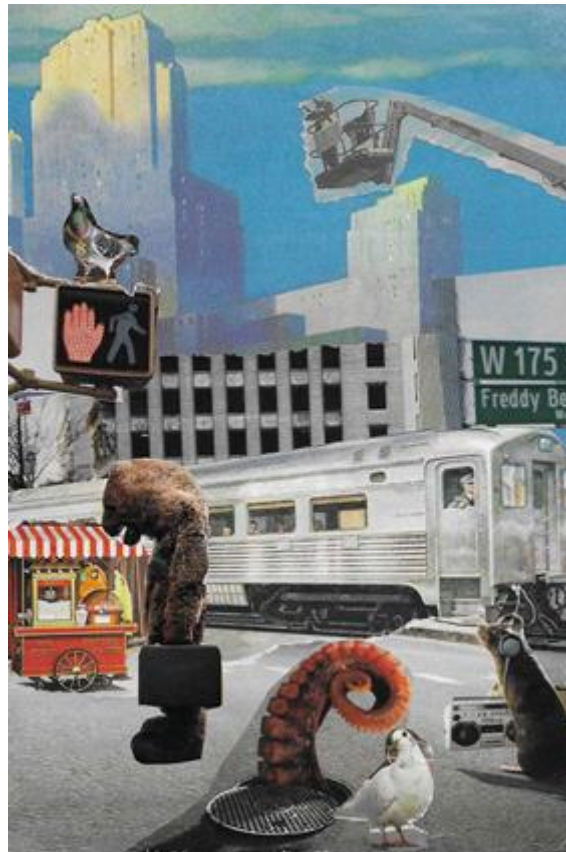
Consists of two integrated parts:

- A major in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigative project/portfolio and outcome/s based on themes and subject matter that have personal significance.
- An extended written element of 1,000 words minimum, which may contain images and texts and must clearly relate to practical and theoretical work using an appropriate working vocabulary and specialist terminology

Unit 2: Externally Set Task – 40% of A Level Grade

A period of preparatory study based on a starting point set by the exam board followed by a 15 hour period of sustained focused work completed under exam conditions.





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Materials and Equipment

The Graphic Design course uses an amount of materials and resources. You will have to pay for the 'Graphic Design' materials before the course starts and this will enable you to have access to all the items you will need throughout the year.

The materials will include:

- A2 quality portfolio and 10 sleeves
- Sketchbook
- Paper
- Access to pens and drawing equipment
- Sharpies
- Paints
- Inks etc

At the end of the year you will have all your work to keep and take to Foundation and Degree interviews.

Please note the A Level Graphic Design course will have a cost of £45. If you require financial help please speak to our Student Finance Officer.

Summer task



Over the holiday, you will need to complete the following task:

Photography & Typography

Use your phone or a camera to take an alphabet of found letters. Look around your home to find each letter. You need to complete upper and lower case, numbers and as much punctuation as you can find.

Here is an example of Peter Blake's work and a link to the Tate for further info.
<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/peter-blake-763/peter-blakes-z>

If you can - you might collate into one document to create the entire alphabet to be viewed as one piece.

If not, save all your work and this can be completed later in the year.

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