



A Level Graphic Design Summer Independent Learning Activity

Welcome to the A Level Graphic Design course, please complete the following 5 tasks to start to practice some of the key skills you will need and to prepare for your first day at New College. The summer holidays are an important time for you to start to prepare yourself for starting your new course in September, the below tasks will be submitted to your teacher and marked when you join.

You should spend **at least 10-15 hours** on the compulsory tasks below, if you are really keen then there are also some optional tasks which will give you a head start on some of the work we will do in the first month of the course.

COMPULSORY TASKS

Task 1: If you haven't already got an account on Pinterest, please make one. Then follow our Pinterest account for the course as well as our accounts on YouTube and Instagram, you will use all of these throughout the course to find resources, tutorials and inspiration, and will need them to complete these SIL tasks.

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/NCDGraphicDesign/saved/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfUZ1vq6MkMur4cqBjQyHdw>

Instagram: @ncdgraphicdesign (<https://www.instagram.com/ncdgraphicdesign/>)

Task 2: You will submit your work in an online **Google Slides** presentation that will be shared with your teacher for marking in September. If you haven't already got an email account on **Gmail** please make one and then click on the link below. Follow the step-by-step instructions <https://www.google.com/learning/modules/google-slides/lesson/1>





<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/NCDGraphicDesign/36daysotype/> we would like you to produce a **mind map/ideas page** of themes and ideas for your own illustrated letters inspired by the different eras. We would like you to attempt to create **6 letters** which will spell out 'design', each letter should be inspired by a different one of the eras in the list above. Write out a range of ideas for the style, colours, imagery, textures, shapes and anything else you might use in your designs for each letter/era. Roughly sketch out some quick design ideas on your mind map to show your thinking. Photograph or make a screenshot of your mind map and upload it to your Slides presentation (the Slides presentation linked on Task 2 explains how to do this).

The idea is to accompany your letters with illustrations/patterns, or design them in the shape or style of something, that . Be as imaginative as possible!

Task 4: Design your final 6 letters! These should be no smaller than A5 and should take **at least 1 hour each** to complete (we are looking for well thought through and well-