

General introduction

Creative IMedia consists of pupils learning creative skills within the Computing industry. Pupils are assessed through their practical application of knowledge.

How will students be assessed

Creative IMedia Consists of 4 overall units. 3 coursework based units and 1 examined unit. Pupils have completed their exam (R081 Pre-production skills) and a coursework (R082 Creating digital graphics) in year 10. They have another coursework (R091 Designing a game) to complete in year 11.

The structure of all the coursework units is the same.

There is a client brief that is on page 7 of the assignment. This contains the scenario and what they pupils will be completing. Pupils need to ensure that their work meets the needs of the requirements set out in the client brief. After each learning objective the marking criteria is available for pupils to view. All pupils are aiming for mark band 3 which is the highest grade. Students should go through the entire coursework in a checklist format once completed and tick off every piece of work that is included within their folders.

LO1 – Researching the field. This is a research unit and is designed for pupils to carry out general research into the unit. For example, in the current games unit students need to demonstrate that they fully understand the history of the game industry and how gaming has evolved over time. LO1 contains a lot of writing up of research and this must be in the pupils own words.

LO2 – Planning the product. Pupils plan and prepare to create their products. Students show that they have understood the client requirements. Students create work plans to show that they understand how to manage time on a project. Students create visualisation diagrams that show a rough sketch of their intended product.

LO3 – Creating the product. Students create their product in this section. Students need specialist software within School to create their product. Students need to save their work in a suitable format and the product must be suitable for commercial use.

LO4 – Review. Students review their final product against the client requirements and assess how well they have met the client requirements. Students make suggestions for improvements.

All work must be saved in folders and files must be given suitable names. Marks are awarded for organising the work correctly.

When assessments will take place

Students have been working on their R091 coursework that will be marked after February. Pupils will be given a chance to improve their work after the February holidays. Students have completed their work within lessons however if there are significant amounts of work missing pupils will need to complete this at home and bring to School. The full assignment brief is available on teams for pupils to view from home.

How can parents help plan for success in the GCSE exams?

Encourage students to make the best use of their time in class and to catch up on missing work outside of lessons. Coursework is intended to be completed independently and therefore it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they are completing work to the highest standard and taking on teacher feedback.

Best websites for revision

Pupils have an account for Zig Zag education. This contains self-marking assessments that pupils can complete. The R081 exam unit contains all the basic knowledge that pupils need to complete their coursework units.