This project has definitely had it’s ups and downs, I began it really energised and enthused to start my own project. This has been something I’ve wanted to test out for a long time and I thought it would be an interesting challenge. However, it ended up being a challenge with many personal altercations and production process complications to solve. I had several starting points for my images and I thought my chosen idea would be an interesting one to pursue. This image was inspired by pop-art and vector illustration, I was really excited because it was an image I was incredibly happy with. The only issue was that I had five final images to put onto t-shirts and a deadline to get them done by. If I were to get them all done before the deadline, I would have to drastically alter my image, mostly by reducing the amount of colours in my image. This was due to my chosen process for printing my image onto my t-shirts.

I had settled on screen-printing and I wanted to do them myself, as I had the tools to do so at university. On a past project however, I had screen printed before and to have several screens to create one image due to having different colours and the time it took was much longer than I had expected. My design for this project had five / six colours in and I knew each colour would need its own individual screen. This is where I knew my design wouldn’t fit into my timescale and would exceed the deadline. Therefore I thought about other t-shirt printing options, but none would render the results I wanted, so I stuck with screen-printing and completely redesigning my images. I ended up coming up with five very simple, black and white images of silhouettes, which I was really happy with. However, I wasn’t as happy as I would have been with my pop-art images.

I have enjoyed parts of this project, the beginning and the end mostly, as it was exciting and fun to do. I didn’t enjoy the middle part of this project as I kept having to go back and start again with my images, which was quite deflating for me. I am happy with the end result, and I’m pleased I finally printed my own design onto a t-shirt. I completed everything I had intended to do with this project, which I’m really pleased about.

This project definitely will be of use to me in the future, as it will help me to think about the production processes I wish to use before settling on my final image. This was a real trial run for me as I had never printed my own t-shirts and it’s a process I would love to replicate again for future ideas, preferably something more along the lines of typography as I feel it would suit screen-printing perfectly.