T is for Testing

It's a good idea to test your work as you go along.

ALWAYS test in your **web browser** (Internet Explorer). This is where your work will be marked. The Serif test window doesn't show everything that the web browser does.

Testing:

File > **Preview Site** > **Preview in Internet Explorer**

Check that what you've done works.

Things to test include:

- are images distorted or pixelated? Are they large enough? Or too large?
- is text the right size? Does it show up on the background? Are text blocks neat and tidy and easy to read?
- have you used clear headings and subheadings?
- do pages look consistent? Is the layout clear and easy to read?
- do colour schemes work properly? Is it suitable for the audience?
- do links work? Are links clear?
- do media files (sound, video, animation etc…) work as expected?

Check the exam paper:

CIDA exam papers have tricky bits in them. You need to read the exam paper really carefully to make sure that you've done exactly what they want.

Publish the site:

1. **File** > **Publish** > **Publish to Disk Folder**
2. Find a suitable place to save your site
3. Make sure the **Publish All Pages** box is ticked > OK
4. Once published, click **View files in Windows Explorer**
5. Check files all have **sensible names** and that everything makes sense
6. Open the **homepage** and use the site again. Does everything still work?

   If you need to make changes then you will have to publish your site again.