



14 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Mini Non Examined Assessment, 50 marks (50% of end of year grade)

I am writing to update you on what is currently happening in Design Technology lessons this term.

As of Monday 13th January, students will start a mini Non Examined Assessment (NEA) worth 50% of the end of year grade, this is a smaller version of the real NEA that starts on the 1st June and runs all the way through until April of Year 11.

The mini NEA has been designed to help students in preparation for the real weighted NEA as we are unable to give advice and guidance during that time. The work will take a term to complete, all guidance has been put onto Google Classroom, which is where the students' work will be kept, in order to monitor progress.

There are 5 sections to the Mini NEA:

Section A worth 5 marks- investigating the context, finding problems, deciding on a user, carrying out product analysis and material research.

Section B worth 5 marks- Design specification & Design brief.

Section C worth 15 marks-is the design and testing stage following the iterative cycle process.

Section D worth 15 marks is the production plan.

Section E worth 10 marks is user feedback, evaluation and modification.

The context for this year's mini NEA is Lighting, students are required to work alongside a user of their choice, this user must be able to give them guidance on very frequent basis.

Students have access to an overview of what the NEA is about, how they will be assessed as well as a time plan. Overall there are approximately 16 pieces of work that are required, students have 2 lessons to complete each page of work, any work that is not completed in class will become homework or students are welcome to use the DT facilities at break and lunch. Students need to ensure they submit their work once completed and we aim for estimated marks to be on Go4Schools just after the Easter break.

Staying focused and completing work in the required time is paramount, we use Google Classroom for the NEA pages therefore students are able to amend/update from any internet connected device to complete homework and stay on track.

Running alongside the mini NEA is planned bitesize revision homeworks, these have been planned to revise all topic areas in preparation for the mock exam. Each Monday homework will be set for students to revise 2 topic areas, the following Monday students will sit a 10 mark multiple choice test. In addition, a past paper will be set 10th February so students can see an example paper prior to the mock taking place, we will review this paper after half term, again this is to support students so they are not overwhelmed. We also



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recommended the revision website Technology Student and Eduqas blended learning revision materials as well as revisiting all lesson PowerPoints which are on Google Classroom.

May I thank you again for your continued support, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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