



17 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 GCSE Design Technology

I am pleased to welcome your child back to the GCSE Design Technology course.

Students are continuing with their NEA worth 50% of the final GCSE grade.

Section A (10 marks): Identifying and investigating design possibilities was completed at the end of year 10, the marks have been recorded on Go4Schools.

Students will be submitting Section B (10 marks): Design brief and specification: this week and this will be marked in due course and marks recorded on Go4Schools.

Section C has started (30 marks) Generating and developing design ideas, this is where students develop through cardboard iterative design, photographing and evidencing their design development. At the end of this section a cutting list is required to be given to our technician so materials can be prepared. The deadline for this is 27 November 2025. Students have been given smaller deadlines with each sheet having 3 lessons plus a homework to complete.

Section D (30 marks) Manufacturing a prototype, students firstly need to produce a production plan before access to the workshop is permitted. Therefore, it is hoped practical work can start the week before Christmas. From January there are 6 weeks to complete the practical outcome. Deadline for this is 13 February 2026.

After February half term students will then spend 3 weeks on section E (20 marks) Analysing and evaluating design decisions and prototypes, sheets 22-24. With a final NEA submission deadline of 13 March 2026.

As previously mentioned, work is completed via google classroom which can be accessed from home in order to catch up with work. Homework will be set regularly to ensure short deadlines are met, should your child not meet a deadline then they will need to attend DT intervention on a Thursday 3-5pm, an email will be sent if this is the case.

Students have mocks in November, as we are completing the NEA, no theory is recapped in class. Therefore, we will set weekly revision homework via Seneca.

Please do not hesitate to make contact should you need to.

Kind regards

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| Week commencing | Work to complete | Deadline |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| W/c 1st Sept | Catch up with work- completing Sheet 8 Final Spec & Brief | Monday 8th Sept |
| W/c 8th | Sheet 9 Design Ideas Seneca revision homework | Monday 15th Sept |
| W/c 15th Sept | Sheets 10 Design development Seneca revision homework | Monday 22nd Sept |
| W/c 22nd | Sheet 11 - Material research Seneca revision homework | Monday 29th Sept |
| W/c 29th | Sheet 12 - Material testing in the workshop Seneca revision homework | Monday 6th Oct |
| W/C 6th Oct | Sheet 13 - Iteration 1 - this is the model made and written up Seneca revision homework | Monday 13th Oct |
| W/c 13th | Sheet 14 - Iteration 2 - this is the model made and written up Seneca revision homework | Monday 20th Oct |
| W/c 20th | Sheet 15 - Iteration 3 - This can be a sketch up iteration Seneca revision homework | Monday 3rd Nov Half term |
| Half term - Revision: Full Past paper to be complete | | |
| W/c 3rd Nov | Sheet 16 - Sketchup to scale Go over past paper Seneca revision homework | Monday 17th Nov |
| W/c 10th Nov | Sheet 16 - Complete Sketchup Mock fortnight In lessons where possible catching up | |
| W/c 17th Nov | Sheet 16.2/(17) Exploded sketch up view Mock fortnight In lessons where possible catching up | Monday 24th Nov |

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| W/c 24th Nov | Sheet 18 - cutting list - given to Mrs Gilbert Final deadline of Section C 27th November | 27th November |
| W/c 1st Dec | Sheet 19 Production plan | Monday 15 December |
| W/c 8th Dec | Sheet 19 Production plan | |
| W/c 15th Dec | Workshop- Marking and preparing materials | |
| Christmas break | | |