



26 November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

GCSE Design Technology- Year 11

I am writing to inform you of an important deadline and to thank you for your support so far.

Students are continuing with their NEA worth 50% of the final GCSE grade. Section A (10 marks) and section B (10 marks) are both complete with marks on Go4Schools.

Section C (30 marks) Generating and developing design ideas is due by 27 November. This marks the half way point, as sections A and B have been marked no improvements can be made, therefore please can you strongly encourage your child to look over section C and to amend any pages and to ensure all work is complete for the deadline.

Section D (30 marks) Manufacturing a prototype, sheets 20 & 21. Begins on 1 December whereby students need to produce a detailed production plan before access to the workshop is permitted. Therefore, it is hoped practical work will start the week before Christmas. From January there are 6 weeks to complete the practical outcome. The deadline for this is 14 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 2025.

Students' mocks are also now marked and scores are on Go4Schools. We will embed revision question homework tasks during the NEA practical element to strengthen students' application of questions as often we find students have the knowledge but are not applying enough detail in their answers, then revision lessons will start after the NEA is complete.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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