



15 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

### **GCSE Design Technology- Year 11**

I am writing to remind you of some key dates and to update you on where students currently are within their DT lessons.

Students are continuing with their NEA worth 50% of the final GCSE grade. Section A (10 marks)

Section B (10 marks) and Section C (30 marks) are complete with marks on Go4Schools. Internal moderation is due to take place within the next week. This process involves checking our marking against the cohort of students so marks can fluctuate.

Section D (30 marks) Manufacturing a prototype, is well underway. Students have approximately 10 lessons left to make their product and write up with photos. The deadline for this is **Friday 13 February**.

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. Students will need to test their product, gain user feedback, evaluate their design against their design brief and specification and redesign with modifications. The final NEA submission deadline is **Friday 13 March** with final moderation taking place on **Tuesday 14 April**. Marks will be available on Google Classroom shortly after, because we won't know grade boundaries the grades will be a prediction. We are also externally moderated by an examiner from Eduqas in June to complete the process.

Students' mocks are marked and scores are on Go4Schools. We will go over this paper once the NEA is complete and look at exam technique.

As of **Monday 12 January**, Students have been set weekly revision homeworks to be completed in their revision book. This is in response to analysing the mock paper and identifying some key questions requiring support, such as long mark and drawing style questions specific to Section B of the paper, Maths questions that are put into a DT context and also lower mark questions which are not answered in enough detail. These will be checked for completion on a weekly basis and will be marked after half term.

As of **Monday 16 March** revision lessons start for approximately 6 weeks before exams start. Students will have a DT revision booklet and will work through a PowerPoint in class, in addition students will be set weekly past paper revision questions which are themed into sections.

Google classroom has also been set up with a wealth of resources from past papers, flash cards and unit posters, in addition all of the theory PowerPoints from year 10 are also stored on there in order to support students plan their revision.

Please do not hesitate to make contact should you need to and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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