



A LEVEL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY – PRODUCT DESIGN

EXAM BOARD

AQA

CONTENT

This course builds on the knowledge and skills gained at GCSE in Design & Technology. It is split into 2 main sections; Technical Principles, and Designing and Making Principles.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This is a 2-year linear course assessed at the end of Year 13.

The course is delivered through a variety of theory sessions, design tutorials and short design / make tasks.

Year 13 is predominantly taken up with the Coursework project and revision for the exams.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

At the end of Year 13 students sit 2 exams (one in Technical Principles and one in Designing & Making Principles. These are worth 30% and 20% of the final grade respectively), The other 50% of the marks comes from an internally assessed coursework project completed in Year 13.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A standard pass (currently 4) in a relevant D&T subject at GCSE is expected.

Grade 5 in Maths and Science GCSE is also desirable due to the Technical aspect of some of the course.

“Product Design is a wonderful subject! It helps to express creativity. It is similar to art but you use materials such as plastic and wood to create 3D shapes. You also use software to help design your products.