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DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION

Year 11 GCSE

Course Outline
Exam Board: AQA Course Code: 8552
50% Examination, 50% NEA—Non Examinable Assessment

Key dates

External Exam: 9th June 2021 (provisional)
NEA Deadline: February Half Term 2021

Class Learning

NEA Focussed Lessons; Students will be working independently in lessons with the support of their teacher to complete their coursework portfolio. This will be a combination of ICT focussed elements, Designing, Prototyping and manufacturing of their final prototype/product. All students should be making the most of the time and support available during lesson time.

Exam Preparation and Revision; Students will also receive scheduled lessons where the knowledge and content of the course will be delivered and reinforced. Students will be working in their theory books - all information will be used to support and enhance their revision. Remember the exam is split into 3 sections a) Multiple choice across all subjects within D&T, b) Specialist area focused questions, c) Designing and making principles.

Home Learning

Students should be using Home Learning to supplement and prepare for sections of their NEA. Each student should consider developing draft designs and researching areas directly linked to their product design. This work should be used in the next lesson and incorporated into their NEA folder.

Further home learning tasks will incorporate revision and past paper questions directly linked to the examination specification. Students should be revising key areas of the examina on content.

Online Support

Exam Specifiction - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552 Knowledge support: www.technologystudent.com

Support

Intervention will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
Intervention Days will be available during some of the school holidays.

Revision

Nearer to the examination a full revision program with Intervention sessions will be available to all students.

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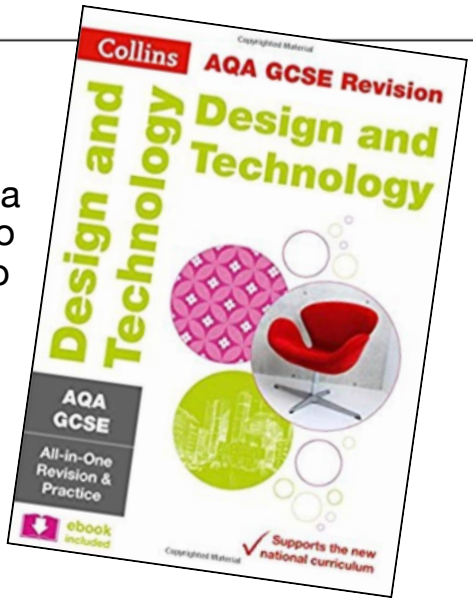
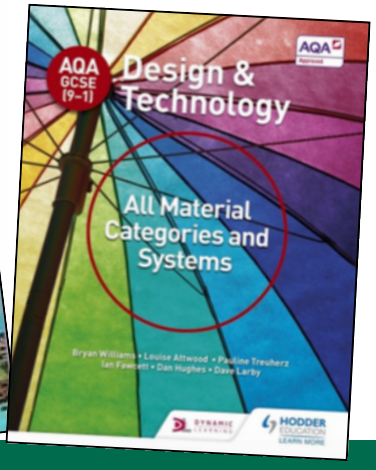
Top Tips for External Examination	Top Tips for NEA
• Read the question carefully, underline key words - give the answer that is required. • Look at how many marks each question is worth, have you written enough? • Select the question that matches the specific subject you have been working on. E.g. Resistant materials or Textiles. • Answer with correct terminology state specific materials rather than the category i.e. timber, metal fabrics etc.. • Answer all the questions, even if you have an educated guess—Never leave a question blank. • Use all of the time you have available. Check your answers are sensible and that you haven't missed a page by mistake.	• Use your lesson time wisely. • Work at pace, • Stick to deadlines. • Do additional draft work at home. • Fill pages with detailed and relevant information. • Throughout your designing make reference to further research. • Fully analyse and justify the work you do. • Ensure that all research pages have some sketching throughout. • Ensure you drawings incorporate colour and look realistic. • Use resources on the shared area to support your learning.



✓ Revision Guides

Students have been offered the opportunity to purchase a revision guide for £4.20. These are still available if you do not have one already - please see parent-pay to purchase your copy.

Text Books are also available to purchase from reputable book stores if you require further support in your revision.



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