



## Supporting your child through their Design Technology GCSE

### Supporting with Design Technology revision

The best prepared students will also be answering lots of questions as part of their revision and be focusing on their areas of weakness as identified by their teachers in the past practise exam papers they have done during lessons. Students should also use revision guides, exam practice workbooks and revision websites (more information below).

Students should be allocating a weekly revision slot for completing their design technology revision described above, and any problems they identify, they should be discussing with their teachers to help develop their understanding and confidence. Parents can support by encouraging your child to revise and monitoring that this is actually taking place. For example, ask them to show you their practice exam booklet and check how much progress they are making. We thank you for your continued support and wish our Year 10s all the best with their upcoming mock exams! ☺

### GCSE Timeline for 2023!

#### NEA Coursework - April 2023 (50% of final grade)

The final submission date for all coursework is April 2023. Students are given deadlines for specific pieces of work throughout the year, and these are shared with the students on their course calendar.

**It is extremely important that students are completing work for set deadlines, and if necessary, should be attending catch up sessions on a Monday after school between 2.45pm and 3.45pm.**

#### Written Exam -Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (50% of final grade)

Good preparation for the written exam is absolutely crucial!

Students cover theory content on a weekly basis, and have regular 'recall' tasks to secure knowledge from previous lessons. Students have been proved with a AQA exam practice workbook which they should be

### Course details:

GCSE Design Technology - Covers Graphics, Product Design & Textiles

Exam board: AQA

Specification: 8552

Website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552>

### Course Intervention:

Product Design intervention sessions are on a Monday after school from 2.45pm until 3.45pm in DT1. When invited to these sessions, they are compulsory. All students can attend any session should they wish.

### Exam Dates:

GCSE AQA Product Design Mock Exam: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9am-11am

GCSE AQA Product Design Final Exam: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June



### Available Revision Materials

**Past exam papers**...these can be found on:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/assessment-resources?f.Sub-category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+mark+schemes>

### **Seneca Learning**

<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

### Revision Guides

There is a revision guide and exam practice workbook that can be purchased through school via sQuid.



New Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA  
Revision Guide



New Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA  
Exam Practice Workbook

Retail Price £5.95 but only  
£2.89 each if ordered  
through school

### Useful revision websites

#### **Seneca Learning**

<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

Search for the following module: AQA Design Technology

#### **Technology Student**

This is a really useful website that covers all theory areas, and also has lots of useful resources for the coursework.

<http://www.technologystudent.com/>

<https://revisionworld.com/>

Covers ALL curriculum subjects but includes Design & Technology. Includes past exam papers and mark schemes.

<http://www.design-technology.info/revisionguides/default.htm>

Revision website for Graphics and Product Design (click the Graphics & PD links)