GCSE Design and Technology

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| **Course Details** | **AQA GCSE Design and Technology (8552)** |
| **Exam Details** | One x 2 hr paper in May/June of Year 11. Worth 50% of GCSE. |
| **Other Assessment** | The Non-Examined Assessment will be completed in Year 11 with preparation in year 10. This is worth 50% of the final GCSE. NEA completed and submitted for assessment before Easter of Year 11. |
| **Subject support** | All students can make use of the DT building to complete work and folder content after school. In Year 11 the Open Studio will run after school; two sessions are offered (Tuesday and Wednesday) to give students as much opportunity to attend alongside other demands as possible. |
| **Revision Guidance** | Revision guides offered in Year 10.  School 365 account / PLC page  GCSE Bitesize and SAM Learning  Knowledge organiser resource  Lesson resources on Office 365 |
| **Useful Websites** | www.technologystudent.com  [www.designmuseum.org](http://www.designmuseum.org)  [www.designweb.co.uk](http://www.designweb.co.uk)  www.tep.org.uk  www.designandtech.net  www.design-technology.org |
| **What can I do?** | Help with research of topic themes.  During the NEA, support by giving ‘Client’ and ‘Expert’ feedback, which the student can include in their work.  Practice key words together. |
| **What does your child need to do to succeed in this subject?** | Talk to your teacher as soon as needed about anything that will help!  Ask lots of questions of yourself, your work and the teacher.  Remember to complete extended pieces of work regularly rather than having a rush at the end. Time management is key to success in DT. |
| **What does your child need to excel in this subject?** | Be creative, determined and resourceful.  Be prepared to use your own time to develop your work.  Enjoy designing and creating while considering the needs of others. |