

Y11 Parents' Evening – Design & Technology GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE: Design & Technology Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse>

Examination Information:

GCSE D&T is assessed in a combination of Examination and a non-examined assessment (NEA). The examination carries 100 marks, is in 3 sections and is worth 50% of the GCSE:

Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks). This is a mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding.

Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks). There are several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principles.

Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks). This is a mixture of short answer and extended response questions.

The NEA is worth 50% of the GCSE and consists of a substantial design and make task. In order to accommodate some of the Covid-related constraints faced nationally, the exam board (AQA) have made some adjustments to individual mark bands within the assessment structure for this piece of work.

How you can support your child:

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework are highly recommended. In order to achieve the best possible overall grade for their D&T GCSE we strongly recommend that students get into the habit of regular revision from now onwards, if they are not already doing so.

Many of the resources used in lessons are on Myvle and are accessible outside school.

Key Websites:

<https://technologystudent.com/> – good for general D&T knowledge and revision.

Myvle:

All lessons and resources are available to students on Myvle – 2020-21 DT Y11. It is important that if students are away from school that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed.

If you have any queries at any time please do not hesitate to contact the D&T department via the school office.