



12 June 2019

Dear Parent or Carer

Re: Introduction to the Non-Exam Assessment

Your son or daughter has started their AQA GCSE Design and Technology non-examined assessment (NEA) based on contexts released by the exam board on 1 June 2019. The NEA is worth 50% of the final GCSE grade, and will be studied throughout the next eight months in technology lessons.

The project consists of a working prototype and a concise portfolio of approximately 20 pages of A3 paper. Practical work will be completed in school to evidence that students have independently made the product and all work submitted is their own. The final deadline is Friday 6 March 2020; interim deadlines have been set for each section to help your son or daughter manage their time. If students wish to spend additional time on their work in school or if sufficient work is not completed they can attend catch up sessions after school. It is the students' responsibility to liaise with their teacher to complete any missed work.

Students will be individually assessed on their content, knowledge and practical skills. The table below shows the marks available and deadlines for each section.

Criteria	Marks	Deadline Date week ending
A – Identifying and investigating design possibilities	10	Friday 21 June
B – Producing a design brief and specification	10	Friday 8 July
C – Generating design ideas	20	Friday 4 October
D – Developing design ideas	20	Friday 5 December
E – Realising design ideas	20	Friday 14 February
F – Analysing and Evaluating	20	Friday 6 March
Total	100	

We welcome you discussing the project at home with your son or daughter, as this will help them with the problem solving nature of the project. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or indeed myself if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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