

GCSE Product Design Curriculum Guide

Year 10

What will my son learn?		
Autumn term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will produce one portfolio with four distinct sections — In the Autumn term pupils will focus on investigating the design context of their practical project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will produce one portfolio with four distinct sections — In the Autumn term pupils will focus on the Development of design proposals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will produce one portfolio with four distinct sections — In the Autumn term pupils will focus on the Making of their chosen product.

How will my son be assessed?

Design and Technology is a practical subject area which requires the application of knowledge and understanding when developing ideas, planning, producing products and evaluating them. The distinction between Designing and Making is a convenient one to make, but in practice the two merge and pupils produce a portfolio and sit a written exam.

Unit 2 (Coursework base): 50%

How can I support my son with Design Technology?

- Pupils should be encouraged to read around the subject – including the CPG GCSE Product Design textbook. Reading lists and useful websites will be provided to students. Parents can also assist by monitoring the pupils' reading progress and encourage them to share and verbalise their thoughts on design concepts. Parents can also help by monitoring pupils planners, assisting with any homework or questions pupils may have and communicating with the teacher if there are any problems.

