

## Design & Technology Curriculum Overview



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7	Topic: User-Centred Design. 'Door hanging signage'  Resources: Custom workbook. Drawing equipment. MDF blanks. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: HEALTH & SAFETY INDUCTION. Marking out using basic geometry using a range of tools. Introduction to hand tools and basic machinery. Making door hanger 'blank'. Investigation into potential user. Design Ideas.  Outcome: Awareness of user- centred designing to create unique design solutions. Practical experience.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: User-Centred Design. 'Door hanging signage'  Resources: Custom workbook. Drawing equipment/card. MDF offcuts. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: Design development. Use of templates. Making design additions. Use of increased range of tools and equipment.  Outcome: Unique practical outcome. Increased workshop experience and confidence.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: User-Centred Design. 'Door hanging signage'  Resources: Custom workbook. Workshop tools and machinery. CAD/CAM equipment. Wood dye.  Focus: Making final door hangers. CAD/CAM additions using Laser cutter and Vinyl cutter. Decorating and finishing techniques using wood dyes.  Outcome: Unique practical outcome. Awareness of commercial production techniques. Completed workbook showing full designing & making cycle.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Designing to a theme. 'Sea life Pewter Jewellery'  Resources: Custom workbook. Image bank/internet research. Drawing equipment/templates.  Focus: Investigation into jewellery from around the world. Investigation into sea life. Design ideas.  Outcome: Independent analysis of task and research materials. Range of unique ideas.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Designing to a theme. 'Sea life Pewter Jewellery'  Resources: Custom workbook. Drawing equipment/templates. MDF mould blocks. Workshop tools and machinery. Pewter & casting equipment.  Focus: Development and evaluation of ideas using iterative designing and peer feedback. Making moulds and casting. Tools & materials processes theory.  Outcome: Unique design solutions. Unique cast pewter jewellery piece.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Designing to a theme. 'Sea life Pewter Jewellery'  Resources: Custom workbook. Pewter finishing and polishing equipment.  Focus: Making, finishing & polishing using a range of processes. Focus on high quality outcomes. Consideration of costings and commercial considerations. Testing & evaluation.  Outcome: Completed unique jewellery piece. Completed workbook showing full designing & making cycle.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.
8	Topic: Iterative Design. 'Attracting Wildlife'  Resources: Custom workbook. Sketching, drawing and low-tech modelling equipment. ICT & CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Investigating wildlife found in the garden. Biomimicry within design. Sketching and drawing skills. Modelling techniques.  Outcome: Awareness of iterative designing processes. Developed models of outcomes prior to making.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Iterative Design. 'Attracting Wildlife'  Resources: Custom workbook. High Impact Polystyrene (HIPS). MDF for moulds. Aluminium offcuts. Workshop tools and machinery. CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Introduction to polymers and the vacuum forming process. Making MDF forming moulds. Introduction to metals and working with aluminium. Planning and making a solution for attracting wildlife. Environmental impacts.  Outcome: Increased technical knowledge and practical experience with new materials, machinery and processes.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Iterative Design. 'Attracting Wildlife'  Resources: Custom workbook. High Impact Polystyrene (HIPS). MDF for moulds. Aluminium offcuts. Workshop tools and machinery. CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Using knowledge of metals, plastics and associated tools and machinery to make a customised wildlife attracting solution. Using CAD/CAM to enhance outcomes. Joining and finishing different materials.  Outcome: Final customised wildlife attracting solution for home or the school site.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Constructional Techniques. 'Multi-functional Storage'  Resources: Custom workbook. Timber strip cut to length. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: Health & Safety Refresher. Marking out a basic frame using a range of processes. Cutting timber using a range of tools and machinery. Planning, tools & materials processes theory.  Outcome: Range of new skills developed, increased practical experience and confidence. Awareness of planning for making and documenting practical stages.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Constructional Techniques. 'Multi-functional Storage'  Resources: Custom workbook. Timber/polymers/metals — various pieces. Workshop tools and machinery. ICT access.  Focus: Introduction to Design Movements. Cutting, joining and finishing materials using a range of tools and machinery. Planning, tools & materials processes theory.  Outcome: Opportunity to use a wide range of machinery with independence and confidence. Assembly and finishing skills. Completed frame with options for customisation planned.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Topic: Constructional Techniques. 'Multi-functional Storage'  Resources: Custom workbook. Completed timber frame. Various material offcuts. Workshop tools and machinery. ICT & CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Investigating aesthetics and functionality. Planning for making through templates and cutting lists. Decorative and finishing skills using CAD/CAM, paint/dyes and associated techniques.  Outcome: Fully customised storage unit, linked to a design movement, with added features and functionality.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.



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9	Resources: Custom workbook. Modelling materials and tools. Workshop tools and machinery. CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Polymers - 'raw material to stock forms' technical knowledge. Design ideas, modelling using a range of materials; card, high density foam, plastic offcuts.  Outcome: Range of new technical skills and knowledge developed. Iterative designing processes.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Resources: Custom workbook. Acrylic and HIPS offcuts. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: Plastic production processes. Iterative designing. Cutting/shaping/forming plastics and associated materials. Assembly and finishing.  Outcome: Range of new technical skills and knowledge developed. Finished product developed after several modelling stages.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Resources: Custom workbook. Timber offcuts. LED lights. Workshop tools and machinery. CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Planning and making a task light using timber offcuts and LED lights.  Outcome: LED Task light completed using a combination of hardwood, softwood and/or manufactured boards offcuts.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Resources: Custom workbook. Timber offcuts. LED lights. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: 2D/3D Design drawing skills. Soft woods, Hard woods & Manufactured boards technical knowledge. Investigating timber joinery techniques. Investigating task lighting.  Outcome: Range of new technical skills and knowledge developed.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Resources: Custom workbook. Timber offcuts. LED lights. Workshop tools and machinery. CAD/CAM equipment.  Focus: Timbers - 'raw material to stock forms' technical knowledge. Designing and modelling a task light using timber offcuts and LED lights.  Outcome: Range of new technical skills and knowledge developed.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.	Resources: Variety of workshop materials and equipment.  Focus: A selection of individual and team-based problem solving challenges. Bridge building, flying machines, marble run, batch production exercises.  Outcome: Increased awareness of STEM subjects developed. Continued engagement for students who are not taking the GCSE D&T option in Year 10.  Duration: 3-4 lessons.
10	Topic: Visual Communication  Resources: Design sketching & rendering materials. CAD software.  Focus: 2D & 3D sketching, tonal & surface rendering, CAD design.  Outcome: A variety of essential visual communication skills necessary for the course developed.  Duration: 9 lessons.	Topic: Ergonomics & Anthropometrics.  Resources: Modelling materials. Pre-cut timber strips. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: Making a customised, ergonomically designed pizza cutter. Knowledge & understanding of applications of anthropometric data.  Outcome: Finished customised product.  Duration: 9 lessons.	Topic: Sustainable Design.  Resources: Offcut and reclaimed materials. Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: Impact on Society and global issues. Designing for a target user. Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Sustainably designed product. Increased exam awareness.  Duration: 9 lessons.	Topic: Sustainable Design.  Resources: Offcut and reclaimed materials.  Workshop tools and machinery.  Focus: Sustainability making challenge. Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Sustainably designed product. Increased exam awareness.  Duration: 9 lessons.	Topic: The Work of Others.  Resources: Design modelling materials.  Focus: Designing to a theme in the style of prominent designers. Demonstrating independence when investigating/designing.  Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Increased awareness of GCSE level design processes. Increased exam awareness.  Duration: 9 lessons.	Topic: Non Exam Assessment (NEA).  Resources: Revision guides and materials. Google Classroom NEA portfolio.  Focus: NEA tasks released 1st June: Analysis/preparation. Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Increased awareness of GCSE Exam and NEA work.  Duration: 9 lessons.
11	Topic: Non Exam Assessment (NEA) 100 marks total (50% of grade)  Resources: Google Classroom Portfolio. Guidance worksheets.  Focus: NEA Sections: A: Investigation (10 marks) B: Brief & Specification (10 marks) Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Student independent outcomes.  Duration: Dependent on student.	Topic: Non Exam Assessment (NEA)  Resources: Google Classroom Portfolio. Guidance worksheets.  Focus: NEA Sections: C: Generating Ideas (20 marks) Mock Exam Preparation. Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Student independent outcomes.  Duration: Dependent on student.	Topic: Non Exam Assessment (NEA)  Resources: Google Classroom Portfolio. Guidance worksheets.  Focus: NEA Sections: D: Developing Ideas (20marks) E: Realising Ideas: Making (20 marks) Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Student independent outcomes.  Duration: Dependent on student.	Topic: Non Exam Assessment (NEA)  Resources: Google Classroom Portfolio. Guidance worksheets.  Focus: NEA Sections: E: Realising Ideas: Making (20 marks) F: Testing & Evaluation (20 marks) Revision: Seneca learning online platform. CGP Guides.  Outcome: Student independent outcomes.  Duration: Dependent on student.	Topic: Formal Exam Revision  Resources: Revision materials.  Focus: Core Technical Principles' 'Specialist Technical Principles' 'Designing & Making Principles'  Outcome: Final exam (50% of grade) 2 hour written paper.  Duration: 9 lessons.	