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Students should be aware of, and able to explain, different approaches to					
user centred design. That in approaching a design challenge there is not a					
single process, but that good design always addresses many issues,					
including: • designing to meet needs, wants or values • investigations to					
inform the use of primary and secondary data: • market research •					
interviews • human factors • focus groups • product analysis and					
evaluation • the use of anthropometric data and percentiles • the use of					
ergonomic data • the development of a design proposal • the planning and					
manufacture of a prototype solution • the evaluation of a prototype					
solution to inform further development.					
Students should be aware of, and able to discuss, how key historical design					
styles, design movements and influential designers that have helped to					
shape product design and manufacture.					
Students should be aware of, and be able to discuss, key design styles and					
movements and their principles of design, including: • arts and craft					
movement • Art Deco • Modernism, eg Bauhaus • Post modernism, eg Memphis.					
Students should be aware of, and be able to discuss, the work of influential					
designers and how their work represents the principles of different design					
movements, including: • Phillipe Starck • James Dyson • Margaret Calvert					
• Dieter Rams • Charles and Ray Eames • Marianne Brandt.					
Students should be aware of, and able to discuss, how socio economic					
influences have helped to shape product design and manufacture,					
including: • post WW1: the Bauhaus and development of furniture for					
mass production • WW2: rationing, the development of 'utility' products •					
contemporary times: • fashion and demand for mass produced furniture •					
decorative design.					
Students should be aware of, and able to discuss, how major					
developments in technology are shaping product design and manufacture,					
including: • micro electronics • new materials • new methods of					
manufacture • advancements in CAD/CAM					
Students should be aware of, and able to discuss, the responsibilities of					
designers and manufacturers, including: • products are made using					
sustainable materials and ethical production methods • the development					
of products that are: • culturally acceptable • not offensive to people of					
different race, gender or religious belief • the development of products					
that are inclusive • the design and manufacture of products that could					
assist with social problems, eg poverty, health and wellbeing, migration					
and housing • the impact of Fairtrade on design and consumer demand •					
designing products to consider the six Rs of sustainability.					
Design introduction, evolution, growth, maturity, decline and replacement.					
Students should be familiar with examples of how designers refine and re-					
develop products in the lifecycle of specific products.					