Y11 GCSE Design and Technology PLC 2025-26



Exam Board: AQA

Autumn 1					
Coursework NEA	R A	Theory Content	R A		
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NEA section A - Identifying and Investigating design possibilities - Context analysis and idea generation - Target market and user requirements NEA section B - Producing a Design Brief and Specification - How to write a design brief – summary of idea, justification of idea, target market - ACCESSFM specification		Core - Health and Safety Core - Design brief and specifications, ACCESSFM analysis Core - selecting materials Core - Market Research Core - Social impacts and society Core - properties of materials Core - working with forces			
NEA section C - Generating Design Ideas - Design styles and presentation					
- Design styles and presentation Autumn 2					
NEA section C - Generating Design Ideas - Design styles and presentation		Core - design approaches – iterative, user- centred, systems, modelling Core – Sustainability, power generation and the			
NEA section D - Developing Design Ideas - Sampling and analysing techniques to refine design ideas - Finalising design ideas - Manufacturing specification for design		6Rs Timbers/polymers/textiles - properties, forms, components, shaping techniques, finishes All materials – production of materials			

Spring 1					
Coursework NEA	R A	Theory Content	R A		
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NEA section D - Developing Design Ideas - Sampling and analysing techniques to refine design ideas - Finalising design ideas - Manufacturing specification for design NEA section E - Realising Design Ideas - Producing a final prototype		Polymers/metal/wood/textiles - forms, components Polymers/metal/wood/textiles - shaping/moulding/joining techniques, finishes Polymers/metal/wood/textiles - properties Core - Manufacturing specification			
Spring 2					
NEA section E — Realising Design Ideas - Producing a final prototype NEA section F — Analysing and Evaluation - Using quality control to evaluate a product during production		Core – evaluation and analysis, manufacturing logs Core – user feedback			
- Manufacturing specification for design					



Summer 1				
Theory Content	R A G			
- Core – modern and smart materials, technical textiles				
- Core – scales of production, technology in manufacture				
- All materials – production of materials, manufacturing techniques				
- Core – mechanical systems – forces, motion, gears				
- Systems – electronics and automation				
- Core – energy storage and batteries				
- All materials recap – components, stock forms, tools, uses, properties				
- Work of designers				
- Exam skills preparation				
Summer 2				
Study leave and exams				