## Y12 A Level Product Design PLC 2025-26



Exam Board: AQA

Autumn 1					
Mini Coursework NEA – Metal Lamps	R A G	Theory Content	R A G		
NEA section A - Identifying and Investigating design possibilities  - Context analysis & concept ideas  - Customer profile & research  NEA section B - Producing a Design Brief and Specification  - Design brief  - ACCESSFM specification  - Project management  NEA section C - Development of design proposals  - Idea generation – creativity & risk		T - Health and Safety  D&M - Design brief and specifications  T - product design and development  D&M - design methods & processes  D&M - responsible design  D&M - national & international standards.  T - intellectual property  T - materials and applications  T - performance characteristics  T - material processes  T - adhesives and fixings			
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NEA section C – Development of design proposals  - Idea generation – creativity & risk  - Rationale  - Modelling and sampling  - Idea development & iteration  - Project management and manufacturing specification  NEA section D – Development of design prototypes		D&M – design methods & processes T- digital design and manufacture T – design communication D&M – project management D&M – technology & cultural impacts T – design for manufacture, maintenance, repair & disposal D&M – selecting appropriate tools, equipment and processes T – modern/industrial/commercial - SoP			

Spring 1						
Mini Coursework NEA	R A G	Theory Content	R A G			
NEA section D — development of design prototypes  - Materials and components - Complexity of challenge - Practical skill - Address design brief - Feedback, quality control, modify		D&M – project management, efficiency, quality control D&M – accuracy in design and manufacture T – performance characteristics T – enhancement of materials T – finishes, adhesives and fixings				
Spring 2						
NEA section D – development of design prototypes  - Practical completion  NEA section E – Analysing and Evaluation  - Ongoing analysis		D&M — critical analysis and evaluation D&M — accuracy in design and manufacture T — enterprise and marketing T — feasibility studies				
<ul> <li>Critical analysis of final outcome</li> <li>Modifications and justification</li> </ul>						



Summer 1					
Practical Skills	RAG	Theory Content	RAG		
Woodwork Practical Skills  - Marking out, quality control & tolerance  - Joining and shaping techniques  - Finishing		<ul> <li>All materials – production of materials, manufacturing techniques</li> <li>All materials – components, stock forms, tools, uses, properties</li> <li>Work of designers</li> <li>Composites, smart materials and</li> </ul>			
Summer 2		modern materials			
Plastics Practical Skills  - Marking out, quality control & tolerance  - Joining and shaping techniques  - Finishing		<ul> <li>Major developments in technology</li> <li>Modern manufacturing systems</li> <li>Socio-economic influences</li> </ul>			
		- Exam skills preparation			