Y13 A Level Product Design PLC 2025-26



Exam Board: AQA

Autumn 1				
Coursework NEA	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	tumi	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		
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				
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		D&M — critical analysis and evaluation D&M — accuracy in design and manufacture T — enterprise and marketing T — feasibility studies		
- Ongoing analysis		,		



-	Critical analysis of final outcome		
-	Modifications and justification		

Summer 1				
Theory Content	R A G			
- All materials – production of materials, manufacturing techniques				
- All materials – components, stock forms, tools, uses, properties				
- Work of designers				
- Composites, smart materials and modern materials				
- Major developments in technology				
- Modern manufacturing systems				
- Socio-economic influences				
- Exam skills preparation				
Summer 2				
Study leave and exams				