## **Curriculum Overview**

Subject: Design & Technology

Year Group: 12



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KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS
Half term 1: Inclusive design challenge	Half term 1: Manufacturing products fit for	Half term 1: Manufacturing processes
<ul> <li>Anthropometrics and ergonomics</li> <li>Aesthetics</li> <li>Inclusive design</li> <li>Social, moral, ethical         responsibilities of designers and         manufacturers</li> <li>Critical analysis of products</li> <li>Environmental issues</li> <li>Circular economy – product life</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>purpose.</li> <li>Efficient design and manufacture</li> <li>Marketing and brand identity</li> <li>Importance of copyright and trademarks (open design)</li> <li>Smart and Modern Materials – manufactured to disassemble</li> <li>Adhesives and Fixings</li> <li>Computer systems in manufacturing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Printing processes</li> <li>Metal forming</li> <li>Metal wasting</li> <li>Metal hardening and tempering</li> <li>Metal joining</li> <li>Metal finishes</li> <li>Polymer forming</li> <li>composites</li> </ul> Half term 2: NEA
Half term 2: Designing functional products  The history of Design  Design Styles and designers  Socio-economic factors in design  Properties of timber  Wood joints  Writing a manufacturing plan  Quality control checks  Timber forming  Wood finishes	<ul> <li>Bought-in components and subassembly</li> <li>Half term 2: Material properties</li> <li>Physical and mechanical properties and working characteristics</li> <li>Product function</li> <li>aesthetics</li> <li>polymers</li> <li>metals</li> <li>scale of production</li> <li>Product safety</li> <li>Packaging – paper and board / polymer based sheet</li> </ul>	Context  Potential user  Investigation (Primary and secondary)  Practical experimentation  Disassembly  Concept ideas

<ul> <li>H&amp;S procedures and risk         assessment</li> <li>Rapid prototyping</li> <li>Working drawings</li> </ul>	> Critical analysis	of a product	
KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS		KEY ASSESSMENTS
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Half term 2: Practical making skills, exam style questions and unit tests.	Half term 2: Practical making skills, exam style questions and unit tests.		Half term 2: Practical making skills, exam style questions and unit tests.
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Half term 2: NEA  High level practical skills used to develop and refine the design prototype  Continued experimentation and adaptation	<ul> <li>Critical analysis</li> <li>Critical evaluation</li> <li>Modifications</li> <li>Consideration for production methods</li> </ul>	

➤ Use of CAM			
KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS	5	KEY ASSESSMENTS
Half term 1: Practical NEA, PPE	Half term 1: Practic		Half term 1: Practical NEA, exam style questions
Half term 2: Practical NEA, exam style questions	Half term 2: Practic questions and form	al NEA, exam style al exam.	
and formal exam.			Half term 2: Formal making and submission of NEA, exam style questions
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