

THE PROGRAMME

This exciting course looks at how everyday products have been designed and made. You will use a wide variety of tools and equipment which may include work in CAD/CAM, graphics, resistant materials or electronics. It gives you the opportunity to develop skills in designing and making products of high quality. The course comprises 50% coursework and a 50% examination element. The styles of teaching include practical activities, creative design work, modelling, demonstration and practice exam questions.

AS

Paper 1 Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes 50% of AS

What's assessed Technical principles, Designing and making principles
(Short answer and extended response)

Non-exam assessment (NEA) 50% of AS

What's assessed Single design and make project
Context set by AQA
Recommended 35 pages

A Level

Paper 1 Written exam: 2.5 hours 30% of A Level

What's assessed Technical principles
(Mixture of short answer and extended response)

Paper 2 Written exam: 1.5 hours 20% of A Level

What's assessed Designing and making principles
(Mixture of short answer and extended response questions)

Non-exam assessment (NEA) 50% of A Level

What's assessed Substantial design and make project
Written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

The course is particularly useful to those wishing to go on to careers such as product design, architecture, automotive design, jewellery design, packaging design and some engineering courses, as it combines creativity with a high level of technical understanding.

