



# Product Design A Level

## KS5 Design & Technology:

Product Design Exam Board AQA

The Product Design A Level allows students to develop their interest and enthusiasm for Product Design, including developing an interest in further study and careers in the subject.

We offer a 2 year A Level course:

Year 1 is comprised of learning through small practical tasks and mini assessments that cover the majority of the course content and then from Easter of Year 1 alongside continued course content students begin their NEA: a final major project where students choose their own context, client and problem to solve with a designed and made solution. The second year of study is where students continue to learn but also get the freedom to apply what they have learnt in their own style.

## The course is designed to support students in:

- Identifying and investigating design possibilities and solutions
- Developing their capacity to design and make products
- Appreciating the complex relationship between design, materials, manufacture and marketing.

## Entry Requirements:

GCSE DT Grade 6 will be an advantage.

## Assessment

Students will complete the following modules:

Paper 1: Technical Principles (2.5hr examination paper) - 30% of A Level grade

Paper 2: Designing & Making Principles (1.5hr paper) - 20% of A Level grade

NEA (Non-Exam Assessment): Learning through designing and making (portfolio-based project) - 50% of A Level grade

## Progression Routes:

- Potential sectors of employment
- Product design
- Architecture
- Engineering and Manufacturing Technology

## Additional Information

Textbooks will be available for all students in lessons; however, there will be an opportunity to purchase their own copy. Students will also be expected to purchase some of their own materials.

