

Electronics route

Core content and specialist knowledge:
Revise and practice exam papers in preparation for your final exam in DT.

FINAL GCSE EXAM

EXAM REVISION

AO3: Evaluate & Test:
Gain feedback throughout your project, and test your final product – have you met your brief?

AO2: Realise Design ideas: Manufacture your product using skills and processes used throughout your DT journey.

AO2: Generate & Develop Design Ideas: Develop your sketches and communicate ideas. Developing them using modelling techniques.

AO1: Specification & Brief: Clarify the needs and wants of the project writing your own brief & specification.

AO1: Research & investigation
Follow on from your summer task to further understand the context. Client interviews, product, site analysis and designer research.

Initial Concept Sketches:
What ideas do you have already? Can you visualize them?



YEAR 11

NEA COURSEWORK



Systems Theory: Materials and stock forms

Research & Specification: Conducting research into the problem. Identifying a user, specification

Design: using CAD to design templates for photoetching. Using CAD to design & adapt advanced circuits. Sketching designs for product ideas by hand. Using 2D design for accurately laser cutting casings in layers.

Systems Theory: Planning and production methods

Make: through hole soldering & drilling on individualized PCBs. Assembling & finishing cases to a high quality.

Systems Theory: Materials processing, treatments & finishing techniques



Investigate the design possibilities:
What is the design context? What research can you carry out to

After choosing GCSE options in year 9, we focus your studies in years 10 & 11, through exciting, real life projects. Deepen your understanding of DT in the world around us whilst developing products that help various needs and users.

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GCSE NEA CONTEXTS

Security Project



Theory: Mechanisms theory including cams, levers, linkages and gears.

Design: Designing a creative and fun mechanical toy using cams, linkages and/or gears.

Make: Sublimation printed work that has been scanned in, embroidered / machine stitching over the top. Piece has a combination of mixed media to portray their identity, which can be attached to a bag / placed within a photo frame.

Materials: Mixed media, polyester fabric, sublimation printing

Artists: Maurizio Anseri, Deborah Klein, Nathaniel Mary Quinn, Picasso, Susie Vickery

Design: Creating a self identity piece reflecting the student's personality, interests and features

TEXTILES: "I AM" (Portrait project)



Mechanisms Project



Make: Using timbers to produce a mechanical toy.

Core Theory: Papers and boards, composite materials, smart materials.

Design: Using nets and translucent paper to create detailed and clear silhouettes.

Make: Using stripboard/wiring to assemble a USB powered circuit with different type of LEDs. Use a range of papers and boards to assemble a card using both CAD CAM and a craft knife.

Mood Lighting project



Board Game Project



Design: Designing a board game for a specific target market. 2D design for customizing designs. Simple circuits on CAD modelling software (Yenka)

Core Theory: New and emerging technologies

YEAR 10

WHY AND HOW DO WE COOK FOOD?



Making: Vegetable Soup, Shepherd's Pie, Kebabs with flatbread, Apple turnovers

Have you ever considered why we cook food? And the science behind how the heat is transferred into our food which cooks it? We will look at Conduction, Convection & Radiant heat and the effects it has on how our food looks and what it tastes like.

FUSION FOOD

Origin of food: field to plate. Function of ingredients. Review and apply Eatwell guide, designing food which fuses culture

Make: Sublimate your design panel. Produce a high-quality case focusing on accuracy and detail

PHONE CASE

Design: Analyse existing products to identify strengths & weaknesses. Design the structure, fastening and embellishment for your case

Testing / Modelling: Will my product work? What can I do to improve it?

Design: Isometric projection, CAD development, CAM – use of laser cutter to customize casing

Advanced soldering: Use of PCB to develop soldering work

YEAR 9

PHONE STAND

Materials: Wood classification. Where does timber come from? What is plywood? What are its properties?

Design: Designing for a user and client. What is an isometric projection? Develop design ideas using CAD



Evaluate: At each stage of making, how can you improve your product? Would you change anything?

SPEAKER PROJECT

Design: Designing for a specific user. Detailed circuits, input process and outputs. Switches, microchips, capacitors, LEDs

YEAR 8

FOOD FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Nutrition: Eatwell guide, 5-a-day campaign and the nutritional panels on food packaging

Making: Pasta salad, Carrot cake, Quesadilla, Pizza and Cheese & courgette scones.

Make: Joining techniques. Sewing by hand and by sewing machine

PATCHWORK POPART CUSHION

Materials: Working with recycled fabrics. Impact of textiles on the environment

Evaluate: Does your product work? How can you fix problems?

NIGHTLIGHT PROJECT

Materials: Polymers Classification. What is a polymer? What is a circuit?

YEAR 7

ACRYLIC KEYRING

Materials: Acrylic – origin, types and material properties

Design: Designing for users. Shading & Rendering.

Make: Shaping wire, Heat setting, Cutting to shape, Embossing acrylic, Abrading to a high-quality finish, Drilling.

Evaluate: What makes a good keyring? How can you improve your skills?

Introduction to the workshop: Health and Safety

Baseline Assessment: What do you already know about DT?

Experience a wide range of fun and exciting projects that teach you valuable skills in the workshop, understanding different materials and how they work.

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