



## Design and Technology - Examination and GCSE

Dear Parents

As part of our Year 9 assessment programme, students will shortly be sitting an examination in Design and Technology.

While this subject will form part of the GCSE option process for some students, the purpose of this assessment is broader. It provides an opportunity for all pupils to demonstrate their understanding of key design and problem-solving skills developed throughout Key Stage 3, regardless of their future subject choices.

However, for those pupils wishing to take GCSE Design and Technology, the examination will also form part of the process for determining which pupils are offered one of the limited number of places available on the GCSE course; the result will be considered alongside their prior attainment at Key Stage 3 and discussions with staff.

Students have been provided with preparation materials via Satchel One. We would encourage all students to read these carefully and attempt the practice questions to ensure they are fully prepared and able to perform to the best of their ability.

The examination has been designed to be accessible to all students and focuses on the core skills and knowledge developed across the subject.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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