PRODUCT DESIGN

EXAM BOARD: AQA

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

During the courses students develop a wide range of skills. They learn about the properties of a wide variety of different materials, together with how they are processed in industry to make a range of different products.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The new A Level Product design is a linear course. This means all assessments will take place at the end of Year 13.

There will be 2 exam papers and a single NEA (Non-Exam Assessment).

Paper 1: Written exam on technical principles. 2 hours 30 minutes - 30% of A Level

Paper 2: Written exam on designing and making principles. 1 hour 30 minutes - 20% of A Level

NEA: Practical application of technical principles, designing and making principles and specialist knowledge. This will be a practical designing and making task. 45 hours - 50% of A Level

MINIMUM GCSE REQUIREMENTS

- Design and Technology grade 5

POSSIBLE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

Product design could lead to a variety of careers or educational pathways This could include:

- Product design
- Mechanical engineering
- Civil engineering
- Architecture
- Graphic design
- Project management

During the course students will develop a host of soft skills which could be useful in almost any career.