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GCSE
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Thur 3rd Oct
2024



GCSE Design Technology

External Exam (Summer Year 11)

2 hour written exam

100 Marks

50% of the GCSE

NEA Design and Manufacture Project

30-35 lessons

100 Marks

50% of GCSE

AQA Design Technology GCSE

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Non Exam Assessment (NEA) Design & Manufacture Project (50%)

NEA Content

Section A Identifying & Investigating	(10 marks)
Section B Design Brief & Specification	(10 marks)
Section C Generating Design Ideas	(20 marks)
Section D Developing Design Ideas	(20 marks)
Section E Realising Design Ideas	(20 marks)
Section F Analysing & Evaluating	(20 marks)

Complete NEA due: 10th March 2026 (Y11)

GCSE Grades explained

External Examination

Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks)

Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks)

Section C – Design & making principles (50 marks)

Non Exam Assessment (NEA)

Substantial design and make task (100 marks)

Design challenges to be released by AQA on 1 June 2025

Students will produce a prototype and a portfolio of evidence

Work will be marked by teachers and moderated by AQA

GCSE Courses – Grades explained

Current GCSE Grading	Old Grading
9	A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	B/C
4	C
3	D/E
2	E/F
1	E/G
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Students will be getting their year 11 target grades very soon. They must aim for these. Aiming for just a 4, when they have a target grade of 6 is not acceptable.

Students achieving less than a 4 in English or Maths may not be accepted on college courses.

Students achieving a 6 rather than a 7, will not be able to study certain A-Level courses due to their challenge.

Career Progression

GCSE Design
Technology

A-Level Product
Design

BSc Hons/BA Hons
Degree



You

Studying Design Technology will equip you with the knowledge and skills to move forward into further education or an apprenticeship/work.

Design technology leads on to A-level product design here at WDS. That can lead to a multitude of different engineering or design based courses at university or jobs like the ones below.

Product Designer, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Architect, Plumber, Graphic Designer, Automotive Engineer, DT teacher, Plumber and much more.