KS4 CURRICULUM: RESISTANT MATERIALS (YEAR 10)

Overview

In Resistant Materials you will learn about:

- Core design and technology principles with some emphasis on maths and science skills
- In-depth knowledge of how different materials and manufacturing processes are used to design and make products

	Focus / Topic	Knowledge & Skills	Assessment
Autumn 1	Core Design and Technology Content Mini contextual challenge (Bird Houses)	 Impact of new and emerging technologies Informing design developments Develop an experienced understanding of an iterative design process and the relevance of these to industry practice Technical Drawing (Isometric, One point and third angle orthographic) Communicate their design ideas and decisions using different media and techniques, as appropriate for different audiences at key points in their designing CAD/CAM programmes (sketch up and Techsoft 2D) 	Half termly mock-exam Maths in Technology Quiz on Google Classroom
Autumn 2	Core Design and Technology Content Mini contextual challenge (Bird Houses)	 Electronic systems The use of programmable components The categorisation of the types, properties and structure of polymers The categorisation of the types, properties and structure of metals and timbers Develop a broad knowledge of materials, components and technologies and practical skills to develop high quality, imaginative and functional prototypes 	
Spring 1	Specialist Material Categories (RM) • Mini Contextual challenge – Manufacture (CAD/CAM Furniture/Building Design)	 How energy is generated and stored Modern and smart materials The functions of mechanical devices Developments in modern and smart materials, composite materials, technical materials and electronic systems Develop a broad knowledge of materials, components and technologies and practical skills to develop high quality, imaginative and functional prototypes 	 Half termly mock-exam Maths in Technology Quiz on Google Classroom
Spring 2	Specialist Material Categories (RM) Mini Contextual challenge – Manufacture (CAD/CAM Furniture/Building Design)	 Forces and mechanisms CAD/CAM Programmes (Sketch Up and Techsoft 2D) Processes used to manufacture products to different scales of production. Specialist techniques used for high quality prototypes. Surface treatments and finishes. 	Half termly mock-exam Maths in Technology Quiz on Google Classroom

Summer 1	Specialist Material Categories (RM) Mini Contextual challenge – Manufacture (CAD/CAM Furniture/Building Design)	 Investigate social and economic challenges Investigate the work of others Develop the skills to critique and refine their own ideas whilst designing and making Avoiding design fixation Developing design ideas 	 Half termly mock-exam Maths in Technology Quiz on Google Classroom
Summer 2	Non-exam assessment • (Briefs released by the exam board in June)	 Contextual challenge – Investigate Contextual challenge – Specification Develop an experienced understanding of an iterative design process and the relevance of these to industry practice Develop realistic design proposals as a result of the exploration of design opportunities and users' (and stakeholders) needs, wants and values 	 End of Year exams NEA Deadlines Explore (AO1) 1.1 to 1.6 Create DT (A02) 2.1 19/7/24

Further Information

- Design and Technology Component 1: Written paper (100 Marks 2 Hours) (50% of GCSE 9-1)
- Iterative Design Challenge Component 2: Non-exam Assessment (100 Marks Approx. 40 hours) (50% of GCSE 9-1)