

13 December 2023

Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: Design and Technology NEA (Non-exam assessment)

I write to seek your support in monitoring the on-going work and progress of your child in their Design and Technology NEA (Non-exam assessment). As part of their GCSE qualification, students are expected to engage in an Iterative Design Challenge that requires the need to meet tight deadlines to ensure completion of the NEA is successful.

The NEA (coursework) is worth 50% and a written exam held in the summer term is worth 50% of the GCSE qualification. Students are required to work towards completing their NEA within 40 hours over the course of 40 Design and Technology lessons, with the consideration that some students may require further support with Exam Access Arrangements.

Final submission dates of the Non-exam assessment have been set for Friday 12 April 2024. With that being said, the deadline for submission will come around quickly with limited time in lessons to spend on revisiting familiar content. I would therefore encourage all students to consider taking advantage of the extra sessions that will be available for them to catch up in areas where work may lack.

The preliminary sessions available to all students will be as follows:

- After school - Monday
- Tuesday
- Lunch - Wednesday
- Thursday

Please note, on Monday twilight buses are available for the after school session. If for any reason these dates are unsuitable or may need to change, students will be informed in advance during taught sessions. Furthermore, I would like to reiterate that students would be expected to work appropriately in timetabled lessons as well as any attended extra session. Failure to meet these expectations could result in this opportunity being revoked.

I do hope that we can work together to ensure the best possible success in the forthcoming months.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Beasley-Hall
Teacher of Design and Technology