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Dear Parents and Carers

### Welcome to Design and Technology GCSE Y11

Firstly, welcome back to design and technology GCSE at Shirebrook Academy. As a department we strive to support students in achieving the very best GCSE grades through high quality teaching and building positive working relationships with students in our lessons.

This year our Y11 students will be completing their NEA and exam in their chosen design and technology subject. Please see below the breakdown of how the courses are awarded and specifically the deadline dates for each section of their NEA projects:

AQA Food preparation and Nutrition	Percentage of the GCSE	Hand in Deadlines / Date
<b>NEA 1 – Food Science Investigation Task</b>	15%	Research Deadline W/C 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023  Investigation Deadline W/C 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2023  Evaluation Deadline W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2023
<b>NEA 2 – Food Preparation Task</b>	35%	Research Deadline W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2023  Technical Skills Deadline W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024  Making Deadline W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2024  Evaluation Deadline W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Exam – 30 multiple choice questions followed by short and extended response questions</b>	50%	Summer 2024



Edexcel Pearson Paper and Boards GCSE Edexcel Pearson Timber GCSE	Percentage of the GCSE	Hand in Deadline / Date
NEA	50%	Development Deadline W/C 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023  Making Deadline W/C 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023  Evaluation Deadline W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Exam – Short and extended response question. First half of the paper consists of questions relating to core content, the second half related to their specific subject option e.g. timber or papers and boards.	50%	Summer 2024

AQA Art Textiles GCSE	Percentage of the GCSE	Hand in Deadline / Date
Coursework	60%	Skills Project Deadline Completed in October of Y10  Mini Project Deadline Handed in Christmas of Y10  Major Project Deadline W/C 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Externally Set Task	40%	Titles released by the exam board January 2024  10 hour practical exam taking place W/C 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024  Hand in for Externally Set Task sketchbook and final 10 hour piece by the end of students 10 hours

### Contact details for teaching staff

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**Google Classroom**

Google Classrooms are set up for each teaching group, all students have been invited to join their class. Independent learning will be posted in their google classroom on a regular basis along with any teaching resources to support students if they are absent from lesson.

1B Paper and Boards - 7krt5ny	1D Paper and Boards - x5ep7jc
1B Timbers - zmf2s2k	1D Timbers - qftm7al
1A Textiles - o6ncqdf	1D Textiles - dzpl3v7
1A Food Preparation and Nutrition - fgyanh	1B Food Preparation and Nutrition - boypnxu

We would like to thank you in advance for supporting your child in their design and technology GCSE. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the course, please do not hesitate to contact us on the email addresses provided above.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Armstrong  
Head of Design and Technology