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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Design and Technology GCSE

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

This year we are offering the following subject to Y10, please see the breakdown of how the courses are awarded below:

AQA Food preparation and Nutrition	Percentage of the GCSE	Hand in Deadlines / Date
NEA 1 – Food Science Investigation Task	15%	Research Deadline W/C 23 rd September 2024 Investigation Deadline W/C 7 th October 2024 Evaluation Deadline W/C 21 st October 2024
NEA 2 – Food Preparation Task	35%	Research Deadline W/C 11 th November 2024 Technical Skills Deadline W/C 6 th January 2025 Making Deadline W/C 17 th February 2025 Evaluation Deadline W/C 17 th March 2025
Exam – 30 multiple choice questions followed by short and extended response questions	50%	Summer 2025



Eduqas Btec Construction	Percentage of the GCSE	Hand in Deadline / Date
Unit 1 – Exam 1 hour 30 minutes Comprises of short and extended response questions	40%	Summer 2024
Unit 3 – Project work (Controlled Assessment) Prepare and complete three trade-based tasks e.g. creating a simple lighting circuit, building a brick structure and making a wooden planter.	60%	Project 1 September 2024 – November 2024 Project 2 November 2024 – January 2025 Project 3 January 2025 – March 2025

Contact details for teaching staff

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Teacher of Construction (Class 10A) : Mr Dosanjh – sdosanjh@shirebrookacademy.org

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.

Y10C Food Preparation and Nutrition – edpvpqs	Y10B Construction - 4ibl7f
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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 faithfully



Mrs C Armstrong
Head of Design and Technology