



Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: GCSE Design and Technology

As you are aware, I am teaching your child for GCSE Design and Technology this year. The course is divided into a Non Exam Assessment (NEA) which is worth 50% of the final mark. This consists of the main project which involves designing and making a prototype which has been set by AQA the examining board. So far the students have had nearly 10 guided learning hours of the 35 allowed. The other 50% is made up from a written theory examination. The deadline date for all aspects of the NEA coursework is February 13<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Your child has therefore chosen their NEA task with direction from me. It has been arranged that your child emails their work on or before a Sunday evening. This means that their work can be monitored before their timetabled lessons in the week. Your child is aware that if they fail to do this and have not provided a good reason for not doing so, they will be logged on SIMs. Students have the opportunity to catch up with their work after school on a Wednesday. It is vital that they keep up with their NEA, so that no time is lost with their theory work.

All students can access all exemplar material, assessment grids, the subject specification (syllabus) and mark scheme, via the student shared area. All students have access to computers at lunch time in T5.

The students have a busy year, so please discuss their NEA with them and support them where you can. Students may need to purchase specialist materials or components for their individual projects as we will not have them in stock. If there are any issues please do not hesitate to email me on [tsh@ch-pb.com](mailto:tsh@ch-pb.com).

Yours faithfully

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