

Product Design



Overview

The course is taught primarily through the medium of resistant materials but will also cater for students who wish to work in graphic and textile materials.

Assessment

This qualification is linear, which means that students will sit all their exams and submit all their non-exam assessment at the end of the course.

Subject content

- 1. Core technical principles
- 2. Core designing and making principles

A Level	
Paper 1: Core technical principles and core designing and making principles. Mixture of short answer, multiple choice and extended response.	2 hour 30 mins written exam 120 marks 30% of A level
Paper 2: Specialist knowledge, technical and designing and making principles. Mixture of short answer, multiple choice and extended response questions. Section A: Product Analysis (30 marks) Up to 6 short answer questions based on visual stimulus of product(s). Section B: Commercial manufacture (50 marks) Mixture of short and extended response questions	1 hour 30 mins written exam 80 marks 20% of A level
Non-exam assessment: Practical application of technical principles, designing and making principles and specialist knowledge Evidence: Written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype.	Substantial design and make task 45 hours 100 marks 50% of A-level

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Specification A Level: 7552

http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/designand-technology/asand-a-level/designand-technologyproduct-design-7552/introduction

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

A minimum of grade 6 in English Language and a preferred minimum grade 6 in a Design and Technology discipline at GCSE level.

"Product Design gives you a chance to problem-solve and be creative whilst having fun."

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Progression and Career Opportunities

A qualification in Design & Technology is recognised by all universities as an academic A level and could lead to further education or work in the engineering, manufacturing or design industries.