

Key Stage 4 (11)

Course title: Design and Technology

Exam board: Pearson Edexcel

Specification code: 1DT0/1F

NEA component (50% of the total GCSE grade)

During key stage 4 (year 11), students will work on the non-examined assessment module representing 50% of the GCSE grade. NEA is the current term for what used to be referred to as coursework. This takes the form of a major design and make project and runs from June until April.

The NEA is an opportunity for students to showcase all the skills and knowledge they have acquired during their time at high school.

The project will test students' skills in investigating, designing, making and evaluating a prototype of a product that will allow them to apply the skills they have acquired and developed throughout their study of design and technology.

Students are required to select a context from a list supplied by the exam board in early June. Having selected a contextual challenge to work within, students will investigate and research their context, they will generate a range of potential ideas and finally realise one idea through practical making activities.

When the NEA has been completed, the remainder of the time in key stage 4 (year 11) will be spent revising and preparing the students for their final exam.