

## Overview of Year 11 Design & Technology

In Year 11 the focus is on completing a major project for *GCSE* coursework. From a given theme, pupils design and make a product which utilises the skills learned in Year 10.

Two lessons per week are spent on designing and making and the third lesson on theory topics.

## Homework

This is set twice per week and is designed to support the work done in lessons. The main types of homework set are research tasks and other coursework tasks for inclusion in design folders, theory-based homeworks and *GCSE* exam questions designed to prepare them for the actual examination.

## Assessment

Coursework is provisionally marked as each section is completed. Regular reviews take place in order to track pupil progress and identify under-achievers. In line with the school's policy, pupils are monitored closely and extra help is offered. For *Graphic Products* and *Resistant Materials*, the *GCSE* examination is based on a theme, for which a preparation sheet is issued by the exam board in March.

## How Parents can help

- Check that homework is recorded in your son's planner
- Ensure that all homework and coursework tasks are completed to a good standard and by the deadlines set
- Encourage your son to attend the after-school sessions offered by his subject teacher
- Ensure that your son has a pen, pencil, apron and other equipment necessary for the successful completion of his *GCSE* course