

Product Design GCSE

What do you study?

GCSE Product Design is split into two elements, a written examination paper lasting 2hrs which assess the following:

The 2hr Written examination

Section A – Core technical principle (20 Marks)

A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing breadth of technical knowledge and understanding.

Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 Marks)

Several short answer questions (2-5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principles.

Section C – Designing and making principles (50 Marks)

A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.

The Coursework element

- Identifying and investigating design possibilities
- Producing a design brief and specification
- Generating design ideas
- Developing design ideas
- Realising design ideas
- Analysing & evaluating
- In the spirit of the iterative design process, the above should be awarded holistically where they take place and not in a linear manner
- Contextual challenges to be released annually by AQA on 1 June in the year prior to the submission of the NEA
- Students will produce a prototype and a portfolio of evidence

Work will be marked by teachers and moderated by AQA

How is the course assessed?

Paper 1 – 2hrs (50%)

NEA Coursework – (50%)

Exam Board link

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