



A Level Product Design AQA

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

Students embarking on studying Product Design are expected to have achieved at least grade 5 in GCSE Design and Technology. Students will be expected to have some further background understanding of issues related to the subject.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS A LEVEL COURSE?

- This creative and thought-provoking qualification gives students the practical skills, theoretical knowledge and confidence to succeed in a number of careers. Especially those in the creative industries.
- They will investigate historical, social, cultural, environmental and economic influences on design and technology, whilst enjoying opportunities to put their learning in to practice by producing products of their choice.
- Students will gain a real understanding of what it means to be a designer, alongside the knowledge and skills sought by higher education and employers.

Paper 1

What's assessed

Core technical principles and core designing and making principles.

How it's assessed

Written exam: 2½ hours • 100 marks • 30% of A Level

Questions - mixture of short answer, multiple choice and extended response.

Paper 2

What's assessed

Specialist knowledge, technical and designing and making principles.

How it's assessed

Written exam: 1½ hours • 20% of A Level

Questions - mixture of short answer, multiple choice and extended response questions

Section A: • Product Analysis. • Up to 6 short answer questions based on visual stimulus of product(s).

Section B: • Commercial manufacture. • Mixture of short and extended response questions

NEA (non-examined assessment)

What's assessed

Practical application of technical principles, designing and making principles and specialist knowledge.

How it's assessed

Substantial design and make task • 45 hours • 100 marks • 50% of A Level Evidence Written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype

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