



Abbey Gate College
Sixth Form



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Design and Technology Product Design

AQA

Why study this at A Level?

Suitable candidates for this course are students who enjoy designing and making or would like to know more about this process and are thinking about a possible career in the creative industry.

The course will provide you with all the skills and technical knowledge to design and manufacture ideas into the real world.

Course Content and Assessment

The course content consists of non-exam assessment coursework which is built over one academic year culminating in 2 end of year exams.

In tandem, the exam theory is covered during the student's investigation (NEA coursework) of a topic or product identified as needing improvement or redevelopment. NEA coursework is then assessed on the student's ability to research, design, make and evaluate their product.

Skills obtained

Students will learn how to use a rich supply of machinery and software within the workshop to realise designs during manufacture of their NEA.

The NEA project develops a student's ability to think flexibly to create solutions to real world problems, making choices built upon technical knowledge taught culminating in two exams.

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including BA Graphic Design, BA Product Design, BA Computer Aided Design & Architecture, BA Automotive Design, BA Set Design & Model Making, BA Interior Design, as well as a variety of apprenticeships with direct pathways to employment.