

7th October 2019

Dear Parent/guardian,

Re – Year 11: GCSE NEA Catch up Sessions (Design and Technology)

I am writing to inform you of the extra sessions available to your daughter in her Design & Technology (D&T) GCSE. In June of this year, we started to work on your daughters D&T GCSE Non examination assignment (NEA) which is worth 50% of her GCSE. This project will run from June through until February/March 2020. I have attached the time line and deadline dates that we have set out for each section of the project. All students have been provided with hard copies of these dates alongside the marking criteria and they can access these via the N Drive. There is also a 100-slide power point, which details the marking criteria and gives detailed support and direction for each section of the NEA.

In addition to the support material, we are offering all Design & Technology Year 11 students an extra two sessions per week, on Tuesday and Wednesday in T2 and T3 from 3.30 - 4.30pm. In these sessions students can either work independently on their NEA's, or access support from members of D&T staff. At later stages of the project they will require to access, the workshops to complete practical work, this will also be available to them under staff supervision.

If students are falling behind with the NEA deadlines then these sessions will become compulsory, we will be setting them as detentions. We would like to see students attending as many of these as possible with a view to getting their NEA work up to date and to keep on track.

In the next few months, students will have additional requirements of Wave exams in both English week commencing 25th November 2019 and Maths 18th November 2019, and then their Pre Public Exams (PPE's) in January 2020. We are keen to keep the students on track with their NEA deadlines and therefore are informing you prior of these potential pinch points so that you can be aware.

I have high expectations for all students in their D&T GCSE, and look forward to your support encouraging your daughter to attend. Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely



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