





The Prescot School Subject Overview for

Design Technology Year 7

Head of Department Mr D Corran

Number of lessons per fortnight		
For Key Stage 3	3	
For Key Stage 4	6	

1 Course/Subject introduction

Throughout the year pupils are introduced to a range of materials and processes through a series of projects. They are taught health and safety within each project and are challenged to produce high quality outcomes following the design process. They are introduced to tools and equipment including cad cam and are encouraged to show creativity in their work.

2 Course/project rotations

Mirror Design	Pupils are introduced to the workshop to complete a design and make project to manufacture a movable mirror using acrylic, softwoods and manufactured boards. They use cad/cam in the design and manufacture of their product and test and evaluate their work as they progress. They are taught about safe use of tools and machinery and are encouraged to solve problems as they develop their designs.
Structures	Pupils investigate a range of structures and are then challenged to work in teams to build a bridge using art straws which is then tested for strength. They work collaboratively to solve problems and work with materials to economically produce a strong structure. They also investigate renewable forms of energy and again work in teams to design and develop a wind turbine which is tested to assess efficiency.
Paper Mechanisms	Pupils design a promotional item for a client using paper and card mechanisms. They produce a specification in response to a design brief and work creatively to formulate ideas. They investigate forms of motion and graphical presentation techniques in order to design and develop a fully functioning promotional leaflet using a range of paper mechanisms for impact.
Textiles	Pupils design and make a Sock Animal for a client of their choosing. They develop basic sewing skills, how to use the equipment safely,

	design skills and how to respond to a design brief. Pupils investigate existing products, analysing and using ideas to create initial ideas. They will use this knowledge to develop and make their own creative sock animals.
Food	Pupils will develop their knowledge and understanding of ingredients and healthy eating; They will develop food preparation and cooking techniques, and their knowledge of consumer food and drink choice; Pupils will be able to apply their knowledge to make informed choices; They will develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently; Pupils will build and apply a repertoire of knowledge, understanding and skills in order to design and make high quality products for a wide range of users; Pupils will evaluate and test their ideas and products and the work of others.

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<u>4 Specialist equipment/materials required if applicable.</u>

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The Prescot School Subject Overview for

Design Technology Year 8

Number of lessons per fortnightFor Key Stage 33For Key Stage 46

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1 Course/Subject introduction

Throughout this year pupils are introduced to more techniques and processes in each project area. They build upon their skills and knowledge from year 7 and incorporate them into their project work. They investigate real word problems and creatively design and make to produce high quality outcomes. They modify their work and evaluate in order to suggest improvements to their outcomes.

2 Course/project rotations

Pewter Casting	Pupils use biomimicry to help influence the design of a piece of jewellery. They design and develop ideas using creative techniques and use cad to prepare a mould for their work. This mould is then laser cut and moulten pewter is cast into it. Pupils then use a range of finishing techniques to complete their decorative jewellery design.
Amplifier Circuit	Pupils are introduced to electronics and soldering processes. They practice safe soldering and identify components to assemble a working amplifier circuit. They research design movements to provide inspiration for decoration to the circuit container. They then assemble their speaker using a laser cut card net which reinforces the sound levels and presents their work creatively.
Shop Front Modelling	Pupils investigate the high street shopping experience and formulate their own brief and specification for a new business venture. They investigate corporate logos, branding and iconic designs and use this to inform their own proposals for their chosen business. They investigate modelling materials and accurately manufacture and present a scaled 3D shop front design for their business. They present their work and evaluate their outcomes using others feedback.
Textiles	Pupils use countries and cultures as a starting point to design and

	make a cushion for a specific client. Pupils experiment with colour and textile techniques such as tie dye and print. They will sample techniques in order to gain an understanding of the processes, they will then use the skills developed to produce a cushion design and a final cushion.
Food	Pupils will deepen their knowledge and understanding of food and nutrition; Pupils will further develop food preparation and cooking techniques. They will deepen their knowledge of consumer food and drink choice and will be able to apply their knowledge to make informed choices; Pupils will develop the creative, technical and practical expertise needed to perform everyday tasks confidently and will build upon their practical skills order to design and make high quality products for a wide range of users. Pupils will evaluate and test their ideas and products and the work of others.

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The Prescot School Subject Overview for

Design Technology Year 9

Head of Department Mr D Corran

Number of lessons per fortnightFor Key Stage 32For Key Stage 46

1 Course/Subject introduction

Throughout this year pupils continue to develop their skills and knowledge in preparation for KS4. They continue to solve real world problems and work with a range of materials and techniques to produce high quality outcomes. During this year they become aware of KS4 choices within Design Technology and can select an appropriate range of courses to follow in year 10 and 11.

2 Course/project rotations

Recycled Lamp	Pupils investigate a wide range of plastic processes and study the 6
Recycleu Lump	R's in relation to the products they may make. They become aware
	of the lifecycle of plastics and how upcycling can help with
	environmental concerns surrounding the disposal of materials.
	Pupils work with recycled materials in order to design and
	manufacture a creative lamp. They investigate electronic
	components and use a photocell to control the lamp.
Decorative Box	Pupils study scales of production and timber joining processes. They
	work in teams to produce a decorative box using aids to production
	such as jigs and templates which they have designed themselves.
	They investigate and test a range of finishes which are then applied
	to their finished product.
Chair Design	Pupils investigate design movements, ergonomics and
<u> </u>	anthropometrics in relation to the design of products. They
	formulate a design brief and specification for a creative chair design
	and then design and develop a solution which is modelled using a
	variety of modelling materials. They present and evaluate their
	work and suggest improvements to their solution following
	feedback from others.
Graphical Presentation	Pupils work with a variety of presentation techniques including
	orthographic, isometric and oblique drawings. They also use
Techniques	perspective and investigate rendering objects using colour, tone

	and shade. They work with cad to present work accurately and use
	full annotation and labelling in their work to inform 3 rd party users.
	They work to scale and use dimensioning and tolerances when
	labelling their work.
Food	In year 9 pupils will focus on dietary needs throughout the life
1000	stages. They will produce products using different preparation
	techniques and methods when cooking a variety of different skills
	and present them to a high standard. The pupil will be able to select
	and adjust cooking times. They will Judge and modify sensory
	properties (Change the taste and aroma through the use of herbs
	and spices. Presentation of food through garnishes and careful
	assembly.) They will demonstration of awareness of health and
	safety at all times. They will also gain an awareness of where food
	comes from, food miles and nutrition labelling.

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The Prescot School Subject Overview for

Design Technology Year 10

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Number of lessons per fortnight		
For Key Stage 3	3	
For Key Stage 4	6	

1 Course/Subject introduction

Throughout the year a series of projects and tasks prepare the pupils for the OCR Design Engineering qualification. This qualification is 75% coursework and the tasks covered in year 10 prepare the students to tackle the assessment requirements confidently utilising their skills and knowledge so far attained in Design Technology.

<u>2 Course/Subject structure</u>

Term 1 Clock Manufacture	Pupils follow the full design and make process for a product to suit a client. They engage in research, analysis and prepare a fully detailed specification for their product. They are challenged to use creative design techniques and knowledge of processes to model and propose a suitable final design. They use various formal presentation techniques to communicate their work and then plan for manufacture using industrial planning techniques. They manufacture their product accurately using a range of materials and processes safely including cad cam and modify work where necessary to improve the outcome. They test and evaluate their product using 3 rd party feedback to inform of future improvements. They evaluate their own performance and identify possible areas of improvement.
Term 2 Adjustable Tablet Stand	Pupils identify materials and processes in this project. They design and make a workable solution to a real world problem and are challenged to develop their skills by using different materials and processes including cad cam to those they used in the term 1 project. They model and present solutions and test before a manufacturing specification is prepared which would allow for large scale production of their proposed design solution. They manufacture and modify work to improve their outcomes and complete full evaluations of their product and their work.

	Coursework Unit R106: Product analysis and research
	This unit will enable pupils to perform effective product analysis.
	They will research existing solutions and assess the development of
	engineered products. Learners will develop dextrous skills and gain
	practical experience of product assembly and disassembly to
Term 3	appreciate manufacturing processes, design features and materials
Game Controller	used. This unit develops learner's creativity and critical analysis
gume concroner	through an understanding of the principles behind good design.
	They will consider what makes a good product sell by analysing
	existing solutions. On completion of this unit, learners will
	understand how to perform effective product analysis and
	evaluation through research and product assembly and disassembly
	procedures to appreciate product design features.

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As the course has an examined unit worth 25% of the overall mark any DT GCSE revision guide would be suitable for revision. Also, due to the graphical nature of the coursework an A3 sketch book with drawing tools would be a useful resource for working at home developing presentation skills.



The Prescot School Subject Overview for

Design Technology Year 11

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Number of lessons per fortnightFor Key Stage 33For Key Stage 46

1 Course/Subject introduction

Throughout the year a series of coursework units are completed that contribute to the coursework element of the OCR Cambridge National Certificate in Engineering Design. These 3 coursework units contribute 75% of the award marks. Alongside these units a further unit is covered which is examined in a 1 hour exam which is worth 25% of the overall award marks. This qualification is awarded at pass, merit and distinction levels and is equivalent to a GCSE qualification levels 4-6.

<u>2 Course/Subject structure</u>

Term 1 Amplifier Case Design	<u>Coursework Unit R107: Developing and presenting engineering</u> <u>designs</u> This unit develops techniques in generation, concept development and the communication of design ideas using hand rendering and computer-based presentation techniques including computer aided design software. Learners will generate design ideas using a mixture of detailed hand rendering and computer-based presentation techniques including computer aided design in 2 and 3 dimensions. Learners will gain skills in annotation and labelling techniques, such as showing key features, functions, dimensions, materials, construction/manufacture methods. On completion of this unit, learners will have developed knowledge and understanding of how to communicate design ideas through hand rendering and computer-based techniques.
Term 2 Amplifier Case	<u>Coursework Unit R108: 3D design realisation</u> This unit requires learners to apply practical skills to produce a prototype product or model using craft-based modelling materials alongside computer-controlled or rapid-prototyping processes. Learners will produce a prototype product in the form of a model and test design ideas in a practical context, to inform further development utilising more complex production processes. Learners

Manufacture	will evaluate the prototype making a comparison of the outcome
	against the product specification and evaluate potential
	improvements in design such as features, function, materials,
	aesthetics and ergonomics and make suggestions on improvements
	to the final product. On completion of this unit, learners will be able
	to use knowledge gained to apply practical skills in the use of tools
	and equipment to produce a prototype.
	Exam Unit R105: Design briefs, design specifications and user
	requirements.
	This unit provides the opportunity for learners to develop their
	understanding of the requirements of design briefs and design
	specifications for the development of new products. Through
Term 3	research and practical activities, learners will understand how
Exam	consumer requirements and market opportunities inform design
LAUM	briefs. Learners will understand the overall design process through
	study of the design cycle, existing product and life cycle analysis,
	study of new and improved materials and manufacturing processes,
	and how these and other factors influence a design solution. On
	completion of this unit, learners will understand the design cycle,
	the requirements for a design brief and design specification for the
	development of a new product and how effective research data is
	necessary to inform the development of a design solution.

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