



GCSE Design & Technology - Key Exam Information

Subject	Design and Technology
Exam Board	AQA
Examination Details	GCSE Design and Technology: 8552
Controlled Assessment	<p>50% of overall grade; Task released by the exam board in June 2021.</p> <p>Students will produce a digital design folder evidencing how the assessment criteria has been met alongside photographic evidence of the final manufactured prototype.</p> <p>Assessment criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A – Identifying & investigating design possibilities.B – Producing a design brief & specification.C – Generating design ideas.D – Developing design ideas.E – Realising design ideas (producing the prototype).F – Analysing and evaluating
Exam Paper Details	<p>50% of overall grade, 2 hours</p> <p>Section A – Multiple choice, core knowledge</p>



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	<p>Section B – Longer written answers, specialist technical principles</p> <p>Section C – Longer written answers, designing, and making principles</p>
Key Topics (Year 10)	<p>Practice coursework project: children's toy</p> <p>Students will go through the stages of coursework to enhance their research, drawing and making skills in preparation for the real thing.</p> <p>Topics for exam that will be covered; materials, manufacturing methods, environmental issues, forces and stresses, scales of production, work of designers and the communication of design ideas.</p>
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