

## **AQA GCSE THREE DIMENSIONAL DESIGN / ARCHITECTURE (DEC)**

This GCSE subject is divided into two components, a Portfolio which is awarded 60% of the marks, and the externally set assignment which is awarded 40%. All the Coursework done during Year 10 and 11 makes up the Portfolio. Students also complete an Externally Set assignment, (exam) which is set over 10 hours.

In Component 1 and Component 2 students are required to work in **one or more** area(s) of three-dimensional design, such as those listed below:

- architectural design
- interior design
- environmental/landscape/garden design
- exhibition design
- 3D digital design

They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas.

Students must develop and apply the knowledge, understanding and skills to realise personal intentions relevant to three-dimensional design and their selected area(s) of study.

Within the context of three-dimensional design, students must demonstrate the ability to:

- use three-dimensional techniques and processes, appropriate to students' personal intentions, for example:
  - model making
  - constructing
  - surface treatment
  - assembling
  - modelling
- use media and materials, as appropriate to students' personal intentions, for example:
  - drawing materials
  - clay
  - wood
  - metal
  - plaster
  - plastic
  - found materials.

The externally set assignment, (exam) is a single project undertaken towards the end of Year 11. The same four areas are assessed as in the Coursework. The Portfolio and externally set assignment are marked together from work mounted and presented by pupils at the end of April in year 11.

An exhibition of practical and portfolio work by students will be shown at the end of the course in order for the examiner to assess and grade the work completed which may include lamps, jewellery, textiles, magazines, graphics and packaging projects, ICT or hand drawn project work and product design and portfolio work. Design is consistently among the most popular subjects at University due to the wide range of possible careers leading from this subject.

This subject leads to Level 3 DEC or A Level Product Design.

