

Product Design

A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD AQA-Specification
code: 7552

COURSE CONTENT

Component 1: Controlled Assessment (Coursework)

You will design and make a product of your choice and produce a folder of work to support the project. As a designer you will learn creative skills to research, design and model a series of products before beginning your final project. You will also learn about manufacturing processes (how products are made), materials (what products are made from), customers (who products are made for and why) and environmental awareness (product lifecycle, recycling) so we can prepare for the terminal exam.

Assessment

Assessment of the folder and practical work will take place throughout the course, at the centre, by the subject leader (teacher/lecturer).

50% of A-level

This is called the non-exam course content (NEA) which is centre assessed and then moderated by the AQA. Moderation will normally take place in May, at the end of the two year course.

Component 2: Terminal Exams set

The terminal exams take place at the end of the 2 year course. This is marked by the AQA.

50% of A-level

ASSESSMENT

Component	Assessment	Duration	Weighting
1. Controlled Assessment	Practical and supporting folder of work (100 marks)	Ongoing assessment.	50%
2. Terminal Exams	Exam includes written and drawn sections.	Paper 1 is 2 ½ hours. Paper 2 is 1 ½ hours.	50%

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Product Design leads to University or apprentice based careers, from creative arts and design to engineering, including Product design; Interior design; Industrial design; Automotive design; Computer based design; Architecture; Teaching; Advertising; Manufacturing; Engineering (aerospace, FI, industrial, construction, transport infrastructure), and STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) careers. Design is one of the top 3 most popular courses/careers at university/college.

The course compliments Graphics, Art & Design, English Language, English Literature, Computing, ICT, Psychology and the sciences.

