



AQA DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY NEA



A guide on the NEA process

WHAT IS THE NEA?

Non Examined Assessment

The NEA is the 'coursework' part of the GCSE course which is worth 50% of their final GCSE grade.

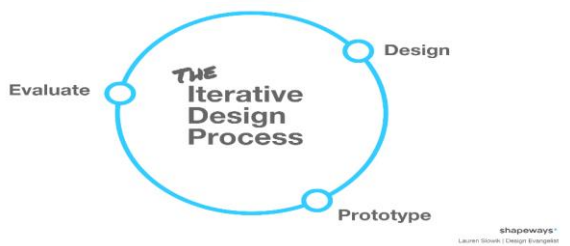
Students receive the contexts from AQA in which the NEA is based around on June 1st. They then must choose one of these contexts to focus their NEA on.

WHAT IS EXPECTED?

The Design Process

Students are required to spend between 30-35 hours on their NEA and produce a portfolio of 20 A3 pages.

They will use the Iterative design process throughout their work, which focuses primarily on making prototypes and revisiting their ideas to improve upon them.



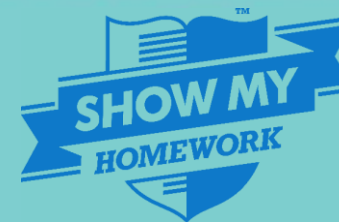
Section outlines

There are 6 sections of the NEA which have a combined total of 100 marks:

- Identifying and investigating design possibilities-10 marks
- Producing a design brief and specification- 10 marks
- Generating design ideas- 20 marks
- Developing design ideas- 20 marks
- Realising design ideas (manufacturing)-20 marks
- Analysing and evaluating- 20 marks

THE 6 NEA SECTIONS

SUMMER TERM WORK



What is expected this term?

After June 1st Students will receive Loom lessons which will take them through the NEA process. We will start by identifying a problem based around a live client and start researching into this. All of the work will need to be completed on PowerPoint where possible and uploaded on to SMHW. Students will also be directed to complete some work over the summer holidays so that they can maximise the time they have to complete this work.

How will students be supported throughout the NEA?

- Students will have their progress tracked through the use of colour coded tracking sheets which enables students to see their own progress.
- Students will receive generic feedback as per the exam board guidance.
- Students will be given realistic deadlines in which to complete each page of their NEA.
- Students will have access to comprehensive NEA guides to help them through each section which will support the Loom lessons. Revision guides will also support this work as well as www.technologystudent.com

SUPPORT

Contact you teacher for further information either through SMHW or via email at:
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