



Learning Aims and Curriculum Intent:

Design and Technology offers a broad and inclusive curriculum that has been meticulously designed for Year 7 to gain the foundational skills to be curious and inventive designers and problem solvers. Pupils receive three Design and Technology lessons a fortnight, which they study in a block and then rotate at two set times in the year with Art and Design and Food Preparation and Nutrition. In Michaelmas they might study Design and Technology, in Lent Art and in Trinity Food Preparation and Nutrition. During a Design and Technology rotation pupils will focus on a Pop-up Book project and undergo a design process; analyse, research, design, plan, make, test and evaluate. They will then develop their manufacturing skills in a focussed practical task, specifically looking and paper engineering. During the rotation, pupils will complete four assessed, extended writing tasks that is an amalgamation of class work and homework, pursuing the theoretical principles and technical knowledge of design, whilst including cross curricular links and wider contexts involving culture and society.

| Term | Content, Key Questions and Knowledge | Skills | Assessment |
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| Rotating Carousel | <p>What is Graphic Design?</p> <p>1) How can we communicate without words?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">An introduction to Graphic DesignAn introduction to how we communicate and present ideasThe different styles of typographyAn introduction to why and how we analyse existing products <p>2) Can we use paper engineering to make learning fun?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">An introduction into paper engineering and prototype testing and evaluating prototypesIterative design – how and why do we develop our ideas?Prototyping – developing ideas into three-dimensional formCommunicating a final design idea and presenting work effectively | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visual CommunicationAnnotation explaining ideasAnalysing the successes and negative aspects of existing productsPeer assessment against a criteria (brief)Learning how to engineer paper to make moving mechanismsDeveloping design ideas using an iterative processColour rendering in designAnnotating ideas using key technical terminology and referring to researchSelecting and using specialist tools and equipment to make a successful product. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Product analysisPop-Up prototype testingIterative design developmentsFinal front cover design |
| | <p>What are resistant materials and how are toys made?</p> <p>3) What is Health and Safety in Design and Technology?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">An introduction into health and safetyWhat does health and safety look like in the workshop?What is meant by risk and risk assessments?An understanding of the Student Safety Record. <p>4) How do we cut and shape wood accurately?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">An introduction into wood and its propertiesAn introduction to marking and measuring with accuracyAn introduction to workshop machineryShaping wood using machinery and hand tools. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marking and measuringUsing a coping saw to cut woodUsing a disc sander to shape woodUsing a pillar drillApplying a suitable finish. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Safe use of workshop machinesAccuracy of using toolsManufacturing diaryEvaluation of a final product |

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| Examples of Homework | Creating a mood board on a chosen theme, evaluating prototypes, creating a story board with illustrations of the pop-up mechanisms | |
| Key terminology | Aesthetics, Target Market, Iteration, Typography, Visual Communication, Annotation, Manufacture, Prototype, Testing, Analysis, Development, Mechanism, Ergonomics, Resistant Materials | |
| Super-curricular enrichment and scholarly extension | Read: <i>One Red Paperclip</i> – Kyle Macdonald Watch: <i>Dengineers</i> – BBC iPlayer Listen: <i>Smash Boom Best</i> - Spotify Visit: <i>The Museum of Brands</i> (Notting Hil)l, <i>The Design Museum</i> (Kensington) | |
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