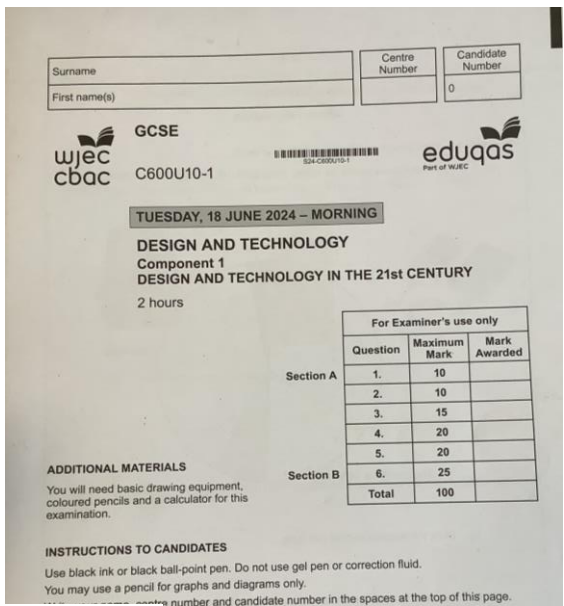


Design and Technology

50% Controlled assessment
50% Written Exam



The subject content for GCSE Design and Technology will be assessed in the written examination and non-exam assessment (NEA).

Design and Technology in the 21st Century
Written examination: 2 hours
50% of qualification
100 marks

Design and make task
NEA: approximately 35 hours
50% of qualification
100 marks

Client profile
Name: Mary Evans
Age: 87
Occupation: retired

My client used to own a fairground that travelled around England with her family they owned multiple different attraction but the one in particular she was in charge of was the swing boats, she has multiple grandkids and people who frequently visit her house as she loves to be a host "making a product that is suitable for all ages is a must" according to her

Hobbies and interests: enjoys knitting and crocheting and spending time with her family

Having arthritis can limit movement meaning she would need a chair lower down to the ground so its easy to get in and out of

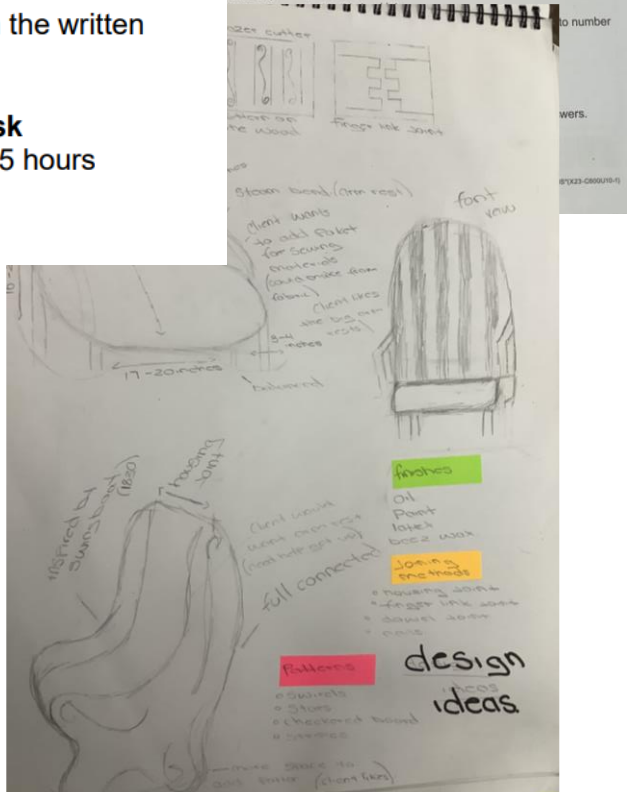
Design preferences: likes handmade products will a homemade and heartfelt feel with lots of colours

My client likes colour in her home some of her favourite colours are yellow red green and blue. The swing boat her family owned was a red and yellow one with brown as an accent colour which is the colours she would prefer for the product

My client wants a comfortable chair to sit in whilst knitting (I could possibly create a sewn in pocket to hold knitting products) and having a balanced chair with no fear of falling over is needed as she constantly has kids running around. Creating a spacious arm rest is also something she would like.

Swing boat design

Possible design



Component 1: Design and Technology in the 21st Century
Written examination: 2 hours
50% of qualification

A mix of short answer, structured and extended writing questions assessing candidates' knowledge and understanding of:

- technical principles
- designing and making principles

along with their ability to

- analyse and evaluate design decisions and wider issues in design and technology.

Learning Technology Theory, ready for the written exam.

2.1 Technical principles

Core knowledge and understanding is presented in five clear and distinct topic areas:

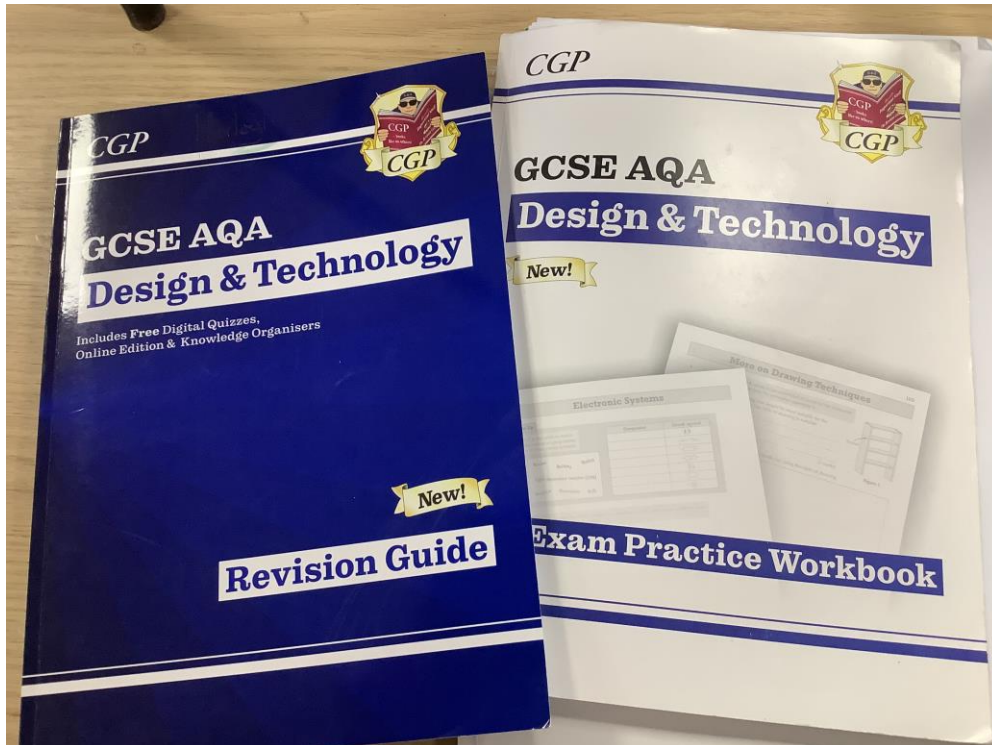
- design and technology and our world
- smart materials
- electronic systems and programmable components
- mechanical components and devices
- materials

Learners are required to study all of the content in these five areas, to ensure they have a broad knowledge and understanding of design and technology and that they are able to make effective choices in relation to which materials, components and systems to utilise within design and make activities.

In-depth knowledge and understanding is presented in six clear and distinct topic areas:

- a. electronic systems, programmable components & mechanical devices
- b. papers & boards
- c. natural & manufactured timber
- d. ferrous & non-ferrous metals
- e. thermoforming & thermosetting polymers
- f. fibres & textiles

Learners are required to study at least one of these six areas, to ensure they have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of a specific material area and/or components and systems to support their design and make activities.



2.2 Designing and making principles

Core knowledge and understanding that learners are required to develop and apply is presented in ten clear topic areas:

- understanding design and technology practice
- understanding user needs
- writing a design brief and specifications
- investigating challenges
- developing ideas
- investigating the work of others
- using design strategies
- communicating ideas
- developing a prototype
- making decisions

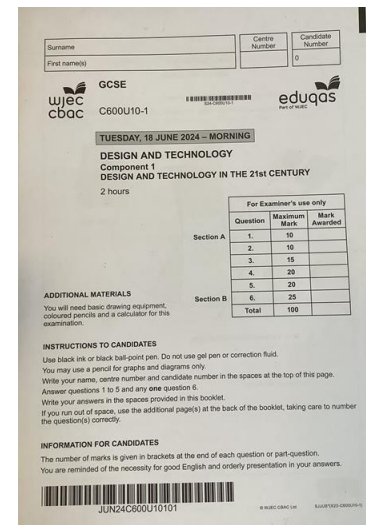
Learners are required to cover all of the content in these ten areas, to ensure they are able to apply a broad knowledge and understanding of design and technology principles within design and make activities.

In-depth knowledge and understanding is presented in five clear topic areas:

- selecting and working with materials and components
- marking out
- using tools and equipment
- using specialist techniques
- using surface treatments and finishes

Learners are required to cover all of the content in these five areas, **in relation to at least one of the topic areas (a to f)** identified in the in-depth knowledge and understanding section of technical principles.

Understanding the properties of different materials. Having an in depth knowledge of one material.
Understanding the design process
Knowledge of tools and equipment in the workshop and in industry.



Technical principles

Core knowledge & understanding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and technology and our world • Smart materials • Electronic systems and programmable components • Mechanical components and devices • Materials

Plus at least one from

In-depth knowledge & understanding
a. Electronic systems, programmable components & mechanical devices
b. Papers & boards
c. Natural & manufactured timber
d. Ferrous & non-ferrous metals
e. Thermosetting & thermoforming plastics
f. Fibres & textiles

Designing and making principles

Core knowledge & understanding

Plus

In-depth knowledge & understanding (in relation to at least one of a to f above)
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Component 2: Design and make task
Non-exam assessment: approximately 35 hours
50% of qualification

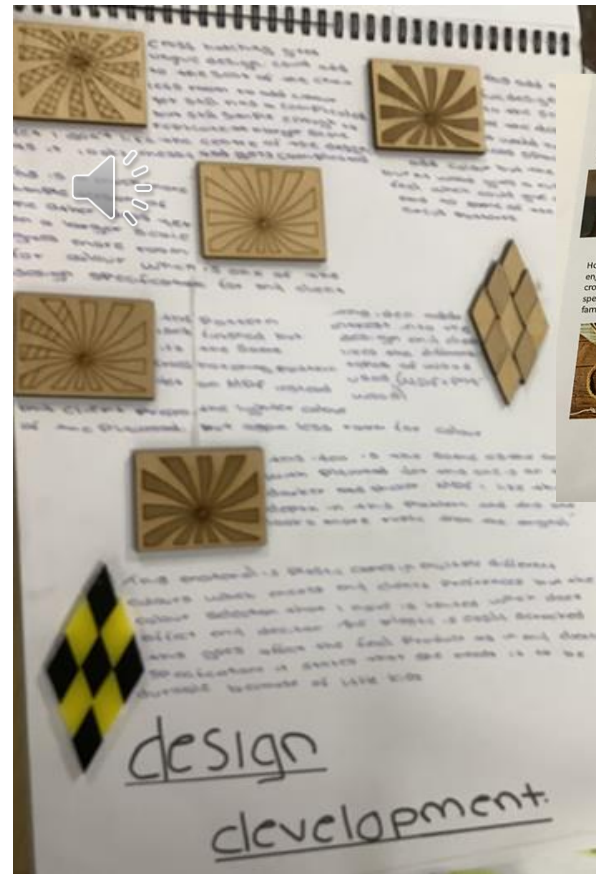
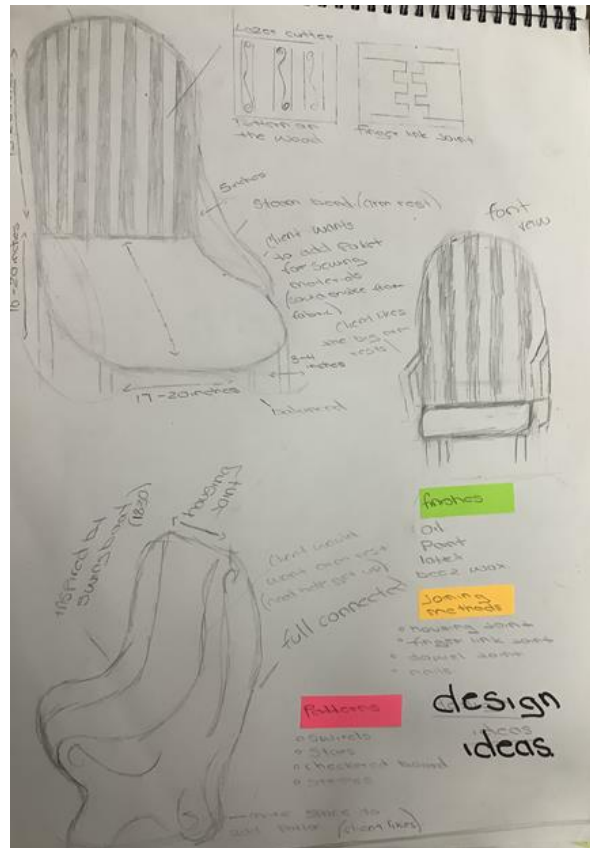
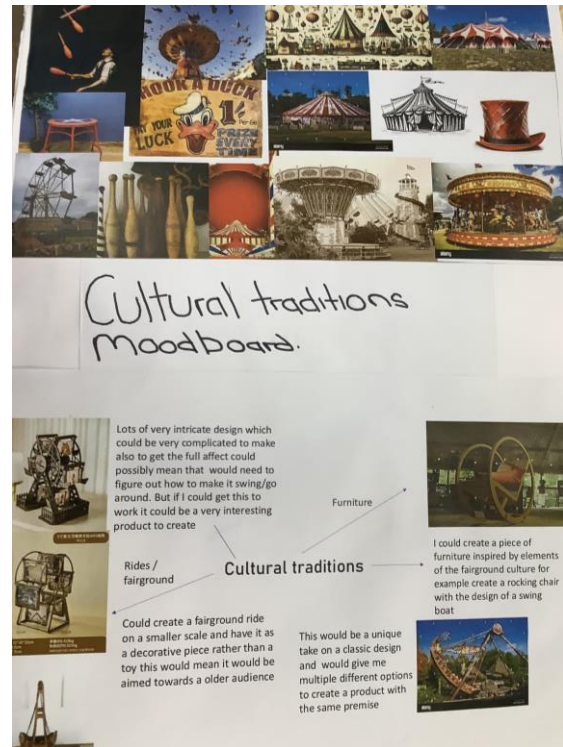
A sustained design and make task, based on a contextual challenge set by WJEC, assessing candidates' ability to:

- identify, investigate and outline design possibilities
- design and make prototypes
- analyse and evaluate design decisions and wider issues in design and technology.



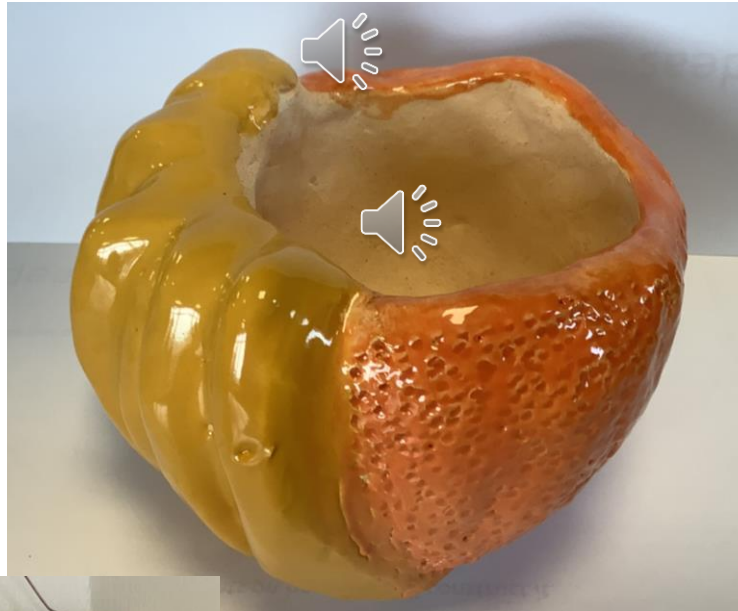
50% Controlled assessment: Students need to research, design and brief and specification, develop design ideas, make a product and evaluate.

Assessment Criteria		Marks	Assessment objective
(a)	Identifying and investigating design possibilities.	10	AO 1
(b)	Developing a design brief and specification.	10	
(c)	Generating and developing design ideas.	30	AO 2
(d)	Manufacturing a prototype.	30	
(e)	Analysing and evaluating design decisions and prototypes.	20	AO 3
Total		100	



3D Art and Design

- If students enjoy making but are worried about the written exam and all the theory of Design Technology then they could consider doing 3D art instead.

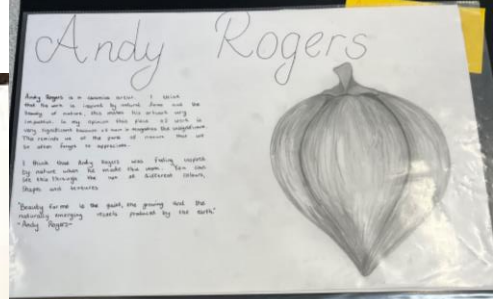
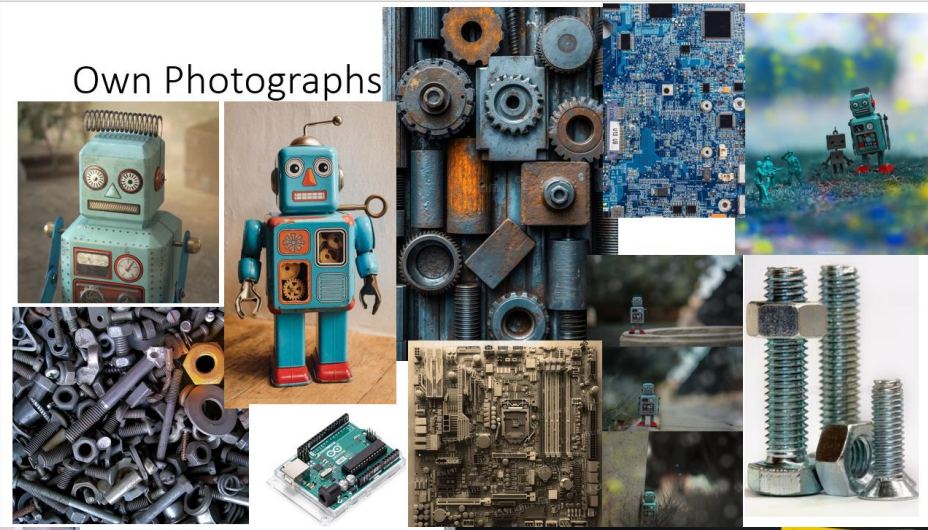


3D GCSE Art

- 60% Coursework
- 40% Exam

For both their coursework and their exam they would need to:

- Make their own observations. These would be photographs and drawings
- Look at the work of artists and designers for inspiration.
- Develop ideas from this research, experimenting with different materials and techniques.
- And create a final piece/pieces.



3D GCSE Art

