

## **OUR APPROACH TO: DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**



"You are just as likely to solve a problem by being innovative and determined – as by being brilliant."

Sir James Dyson

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**KS3 SUBJECTS ON A PAGE** 

#### **OUR AIMS AND INTENTIONS**

It is our intention to introduce pupils to the unique environment that Design and Technology provides, whilst equipping them with the essential digital, design and manual skills to be able to overcome the challenges of the 21st century.

#### **CURRICULUM KNOWLEDGE**

The curriculum in Design and Technology allows students full access to the National curriculum through the study of: Materials – Timbers, Polymers, metals, modelling – Card and styrofoam, Manufacturing methods – Drilling, cutting, sanding, folding, Design – hand sketching and digital design – 2D CAD, systems and control – Mechanisms.

### **SUBJECT SPECIFIC SKILLS**

2D Computer aided design (CAD), Computer

Numerical Control Laser cutter (CNC machining), Polymers and their manufacture, timbers and their manufacture, drilling, cutting, sanding, folding.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- The DT Programme of Study is written and regularly reviewed with subject staff.
- Regular reviewing of challenge with our KS3 curriculum.
- Lesson by lesson resources are QA'd by Subject
  Leader and shared on the O Drive. Recall of knowledge is supported via the interleaving of topics through starter tasks, homeworks and end of unit assessments.
- Formal feedback is given at least twice per term and identifies WWW and EBI, which is then used to extend learning during 'Chimp' (CHeck and IMProve) time.

#### DT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WIDER YHS CURRICULUM

#### **RESILIENCE ASPIRATION SUCCESS** ■ Quality within ■ Aiming to improve ■ Understanding shop quality the quality of finish the planning and and its effect on pricing. time after time with making stages. ■ The move from craft to incremental changes. ■ Measuring and mass production and the marking out ■ Aspiring to find the use of jigs and fixtures. individual pieces that fit accuracy ■ An appreciation of the together in an assembly. Engaging possible careers linked to ■ Regular links to future positively with Design and Technology that pathways that include could take them around assessments Design and technology. the world. ■ Using Chimp activities ■ Aspiring to improve their ■ Understanding of organisations that are to enhance work each time they are learning. assessed. world class and their continuous improvement activities making them globally competitive.

#### INTENDED IMPACT

- The KS3 curriculum meets the demands of the National Curriculum.
- Pupils progress through their projects and are equipped with the skills to progress to the next project
- at a higher level of skill.
- Student's 'Chimp' responses demonstrate that all pupils use their assessments to advance their learning.
- Students are well prepared for further study of DT at KS4.