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Year 8

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Project	Egg Cup	Design and	Design – knowledge and skills	 Design ideas (cardboard models)
1	1 term	make an	 Develop an understanding of the key features of the 	 Practical outcome & final evaluation
		acrylic egg cup	Memphis design movement.	
		in the style of	 Develop skills in collecting research, presenting this 	
		the Memphis	research in the form of a moodboard and analysing this	
		Movement	research to inform design criteria (for specification).	
			 Develop skills in writing a design specification. 	
			 Understand the classification of acrylic as a thermoforming 	
			polymer and its properties linked to this classification.	
			 Be aware of the relevant market forms of acrylic. 	
			 Name, recognise and use common manufacturing and 	
			construction techniques for acrylic including line bending,	
			use of solvent cement, comb joints, halving joints and	
			mortise and tenon joints.	
			 Develop skills in using quick sketching (thumbnails) to create 	
			initial design ideas which avoid design fixation	
			 Develop skills in card modelling to develop design ideas in 	
			3D.	
			 Develop skills in the use of 3D CAD (Onshape) to present 	
			and further develop design ideas.	
			 Develop skills in generating 2D CAD drawings (.dxfs) for 	
			CAM manufacture (cutting on the laser cutter).	
			Manufacture of a polymer based product	
			• Develop skills in using computer aided manufacture (CAM):	
			laser cutting	
			 Develop skills in using the line bender: forming 	
			 Develop skills in accurately assembling a final acrylic product 	
			using liquid solvent cement (where relevant) - joining	

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Project 2	Nature Activity Box 0.5 terms	Design and manufacture 'Nature Activity Box' using Corel Vector (2D CAD) Group Project	 Design - knowledge and skills Develop skills in working within a design team. Research relevant existing products. Analyse and evaluate existing products research. Use research analysis and evaluation to inform design thinking. Brand design Create designs for 'Grow your Own' & 'Craft' activities in the form of A5 cards using Corel Vector (2D CAD) which are representative of the brand. Use a range of Corel Vector tools, including line, box, spline, text, transform, fill, groups and layers & modifying .svg images. Manufacture using papers and boards Printing onto papers and boards. Cutting and scoring papers and boards: Cutting knife, safety ruler, rotary cutter, guillotine, circle cutter, bone creaser and cutting mat. 	 Practical outcome (1 per group) Evidence log (1 per group member) detailing contributions to the design work/team.
Project 3	Storage Box 1.5 terms	Make a box with traditional wood joints	 Design – knowledge and skills Research the use of repetition in designs from different cultures. Use research findings to inform design thinking for box lid designs. Produce 3D isometric drawings using an isometric grid. Render isometric drawings to convey 3D form and material textures. Manufacture using timber based materials Learn how woods are classified as softwoods, hardwoods and manufactured boards. Learn the properties of a range of woods. Understand workshop health and safety rules. 	 Design ideas (Sketches of lid designs) Test on woods Practical outcome & rendered isometric of final design

 Learn how to use hand tools for marking out, cutting,
abrading and joining wood.
Learn how to use a bandfacer.
Learn how woods can be enhanced and protected with
wood finishes.