Year 12

Lesson 1&2

Timing	Unit	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn	Practice non-exam	First two weeks will be dedicated to H&S (see below)	Formative and summative
Term 1	assessment (NEA)	Analysis of Context (completed for holiday work)	assessment against AQA AS marking
		Research Plan	criteria
		Existing Products Research	
		User Research	
		Practical investigation	
		First concepts	
		Disassembly	
		Design brief and specification]
Autumn		Design proposals	
Term 2		Development through Modelling	
		Development through sketching	
		Development through materials experimentation	
		Evaluation/analysis throughout against the specification	
Spring		Development: all areas (continued)	
Term 1		Manufacturing specification	
		Manufacturing	
		Prototype development as a result of user testing	
		Prototype development as a result of testing and evaluation	
Spring		Manufacturing	
Term 2		Prototype development as a result of user testing	
		Prototype development as a result of testing and evaluation	
		Final Testing and Evaluation	

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Summer	A-Level non-exam	Analysis of Context	Formative and summative
Term 2	assessment (NEA)	Research Plan	assessment against AQA A-Level
		User Research	marking criteria
		Existing products research	
		Practical investigation	
		First concepts	
		Disassembly	
		Design brief and specification	

Lesson 3&4

Autumn	Health & Safety in the Workshop	Students will develop their skills in the workshop, ensuring that they can independently and safely use tools and machinery.	Students complete an H&S Folio through
Term 1	(8 lessons over two		demonstration of skills
	weeks)	Students will complete a range of tasks using tools and machinery in the workshop, logging their skills in a	
		H&S folio, including:	
		- Drills (pillar and hand)	
		- Bandfacer/Abrasion	
		- Sawing (scroll saws, tenon, coping)	
		- Chisels	
		- Routing	
		- Use of glues	
		- Use of screws and nails	
		This will be taught alongside unit 1.9 Health & safety. From this, students will:	
		- Understand relevant H&S legislation	
		- Be able to write a risk assessment	
		- Use relevant PPE for machinery.	

Autumn Term 2	Technical principles 1	 Metals Theory: Mechanical and Physical Properties Classification of metals Workshop and industrial testing Performance characteristics of metals (+ types) Stock forms Finishing Permanent and temporary joining Heat treatment Wasting processes Forming processes Quality Assurance & Quality Control (Overview) Aluminium Composite Board, Tungsten Carbide Practical skills: Make a metal product using turning, brazing, dip coating, drilling, threading, cutting, filing 	Woods Theory: Classification of woods Performance characteristics of woods (+ types) Stock forms Finishing The use of adhesives and fixings Permanent and temporary joining Property Enhancement Wasting processes Forming processes Jigs and fixtures Practical skills: Manufacture of a range of test pieces: Steam bending, CNC router, router, lathe, bag press, finishes, joints.	End of unit tests -Wood & metals -Metals, papers & boards & polymers
Spring Term 1 Spring Term 2		Papers and Boards Theory: Classification of papers and boards Performance characteristics of papers and boards Stock forms Finishing and printing Forming processes Design Theory Design styles and movements Designers and their work	Polymers Theory:	

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		How technology and cultural changes can impact on the work of designers Socio economic influences Major developments in technology	shredding and making of own recycled plastic sheet.	
Summer Terms 1 & 2	Design and making principles 1	How technology and cultural changes can impact on the work of designers Social, moral and ethical issues. Other Onshape skills Orthographic projection	Polymers Theory cont.:	