

Year 8 Design & Technology Curriculum Plan

	Key concept/ Key question	Overview of the unit	Assessment	Cross Curricular Skills	Suggested reading material and websites:
Unit 1 Pewter Casting jewellery	Design movements , Casting methods, metal work,	 Students will learn what a design movement is and how design has changed over time. They will research into art nouveau, art Deco, De Stijl and Bauhaus. This will then inspire their design ideas for their pewter jewellery. Skills developed: Sketching, rendering, annotating, cutting, folding Knowledge developed: Identifying a target market, developing questionnaires, writing specifications, designing NETs, Evaluation 	Formative assessment through coursework. Peer and self- assessment throughout project.	Literacy: Key words to describe materials and processes. Numeracy: Measuring, planning and costing, working in a logical manner through design process. Thinking Skills: Teamwork, creative thinking,	Technologystudents.com GCSE bitesize.
Unit 2 Sweet dispenser	Cutting, filing, sanding, assembling of component.	Students work with MDF to cut and assemble a product to create a sweet dispenser. Students will follow demonstrations and work using a variety of tools to create a mechanism to allow sweets to dispense. Pupils will bring in a recycled jar and attach this to their product before decorating with their own designed stickers. Skills developed: cutting, filing, paper, drilling, use of fret saw, laser cutting	Formative assessment through coursework. Peer and self- assessment throughout project	Literacy: Key words to describe materials and processes. Numeracy: Measuring, planning and costing, working in a logical manner through design process. Thinking Skills: Teamwork, creative thinking,	Technologystudents.com GCSE bitesize.



Knowledge developed: Working with woods, technical cutting skills and assembly of parts, complete production plans. Orthographic projection drawings.		

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Unit 3 Play the Record!	Perspective drawing, properties of woods, workshop machinery	 Students research into designer Paul cocksedge and how he experiments and manipulates materials to create new products. Students also look at upcycling and consider sustainability in design and its importance in the design industry. Student's upcycle an old Vinyl record into a music amplifier through sue of thermoforming and jigs. Students then model and create a stand for their upcycled record. Skills developed: Press forming, thermoforming, modelling using card, CAD/CAM Knowledge developed: Sustainability and the 6 R's, upcycling, modelling, thermoforming process, vacuum forming process. 	Formative assessment through coursework. Peer and self- assessment throughout project.	Literacy: Key words to describe materials and processes. Numeracy: Measuring, planning and costing, working in a logical manner through design process. Thinking Skills: Teamwork, creative thinking,	Technologystudents.com GCSE bitesize.