DT



SUBJECT: DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

The secret to success in DT

What exams will I take in the Summer Term?

Exam Board: AQA

Paper Name	Topics	Time of paper
Coursework **Deadline to hand in – Friday 20 March**	Key dates: Section A – 21 September Section B – 10 October Section C – 7 November Section D – 23 January 2026 Section E – 6 March 2026 Section F - 20 March 2026	
Wednesday 10 June Section A – Core technical principles Section B – Specialist technical principles Section C – Designing and making principles	Written exam 50%	2 hours

Support in school:

Drop in revision sessions

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes – D05 – all students can attend

Revision Ideas:

- Use this textbook to help you. It contains all the information for the theory and how to produce your NEA folder.
- Your showbie folder also contains lots of resources including an overview of topic areas for your exam and keywords that you should learn.
- You can use Seneca learning and BBC bitesize to revise.
- Useful websites:
    - https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552/specification
    - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXbSUHBZe1aPYSeaK14y3evw1PuBQlms0
    - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0q32hekcc2zUwOhEXpD87cis-t4hStaX
    - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm
    - https://www.focuselearning.co.uk/account/
    - https://studyrocket.co.uk/revision/gcse-design-and-technology-aqa
    - https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision/design-technology

Week 1: w/c 16 February 2026 – HALF TERM

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Week 2: w/c 23 February 2026

Deadline to submit Section E of your NEA coursework – Friday 6 March

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Week 3: w/c 3 March 2026

Deadline to submit Section E of your NEA coursework – Friday 6 March

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Week 4: w/c 9 March 2026

Deadline to submit all your NEA coursework – Friday 20 March

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Week 5: w/c 16 March 2026

Deadline to submit all your NEA coursework – Friday 20 March

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Week 6: w/c 23 March 2026

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Week 7: w/c 30 March 2026 – EASTER BREAK week 1

Detail here any Easter revision sessions you are attending

Day	Time	Subject	In school or Online

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Week 8: w/c 6 April 2026 – EASTER BREAK week 2

Detail here any Easter revision sessions you are attending

Day	Time	Subject	Online

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Week 9: w/c 13 April 2026

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Week 10: w/c 20 April 2026

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Week 11: w/c 27 April 2026

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Week 12: w/c 4 May 2026

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