Subject:	GCSE Design Technology
Exam board:	AQA
Specification:	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/design-and-technology/gcse/design-and-technology-8552
How students will be assessed:	Paper 1 – 2 hours, 50% of GCSE Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks) • A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding. Section B – Specialist technical principles (30 marks) • Several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in-depth knowledge of technical principles. Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks) • A mixture of short answer and extended response questions. Non-exam assessment, NEA, 50% of GCSE Substantial design and make task, set by the exam board. Started 1st June, several checkpoints throughout Year 11, completion April 2023
Recommended revision guide:	Grade 9-1 Design & Technology AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with Online Edition) Grade 9-1 Design & Technology AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with Online Edition): ideal for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams (CGP GCSE D&T 9-1 Revision) : CGP Books, CGP Books: Amazon.co.uk: Books Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Guide Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Guide: perfect for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams (CGP GCSE D&T 9-1 Revision) : CGP Books, CGP Books: Amazon.co.uk: Books Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Exam Practice Workbook Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Exam Practice Workbook: perfect for catch-up and the 2022 and 2023 exams (CGP GCSE D&T 9-1 Revision) : CGP Books, CGP Books: Amazon.co.uk: Books
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Period 6:	Thursday week A, DT2
AP1 November	Full paper and current NEA grade
AP2 February	Full paper and current NEA grade
Summer 2027	Full paper