

Year 7

Topics

Element	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	
Term 1	Theory	H&S	Scales of production	Brief/Specifications	Materials	Electronics	Knowledge assessment
	Practical	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp
	Home learning	Reading- H&S and risk assessments	Reading- scales of production	Product Analysis	Materials key terms	Revision	
Term 2	Theory	Processes	Processes	Finishes	Quality Control	Moodlamp analysis	Evaluating
	Practical	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp	Moodlamp
	Home learning		Case study reading	Case study questions		Case study reading	Case study questions
Term 3	Theory	H&S	Materials	Ecological and social footprint	Ergonomics	Knowledge assessment- End of year exam	Packaging
	Practical	Phone stand	Phone stand	Phone stand	Phone stand	Phone stand	Phone stand
	Home learning	Case study reading	Case study questions		Case study reading		



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What are you going to learn and do this year?

Current

HEAD - Knowledge



Year 7 Design and Technology Curriculum

Welcome to Design and Technology! This year, you'll embark on a journey of creativity and problem-solving as you learn to design and make your own products.

Here's a breakdown of the exciting topics you'll be covering:

Hands-on Learning:

Practical Projects: Get ready to put your learning into action! You'll work on two engaging projects: a mood lamp and a phone holder. These projects will allow you to develop your design and making skills.

Safety First:

Health and Safety: A safe workshop environment is essential. You'll learn all the important safety rules and procedures to handle tools and equipment responsibly.

Planning and Specifying:

Scales of Production: Explore how products are made in different quantities – from one-off creations to mass production.

Briefs and Specifications: Learn how to translate an idea into a clear plan. You'll interpret design briefs, write specifications for your projects, and understand how they guide the design process.

The Design Process:

Designing: Unleash your inner designer! You'll explore the design cycle, from brainstorming ideas to creating sketches and models of your projects.

Understanding Materials:

Materials: Delve into the world of materials! Learn about different materials, their properties, and how they are best suited for various purposes in your designs.

Electronics Basics:

Electronics (For Mood Lamp Project): For the mood lamp project, you'll get a taste of basic electronics, understanding circuits and simple components to bring your lamp to life.

Workshop Skills:

Workshop Processes: Master the workshop! You'll learn how to use essential tools and equipment safely and effectively to create your projects.

Finishing Touches:

Material Finishes: Explore different techniques to give your projects a professional and polished look.

Creating Quality Products:

Quality Control: Learn how to check your work and identify areas for improvement, ensuring your projects meet high standards.

Thinking Beyond Design:

Ecological and Social Footprint: Consider the environmental and social impact of your designs. You'll explore ways to use materials responsibly and create products that are mindful of the world around us.

Designing for People:

Ergonomics: Learn how to design products that are comfortable, safe, and easy to use for the intended user.

Presentation is Key:

Packaging: Explore the importance of packaging in design. You'll learn how to present your finished products in a visually appealing and functional way.

This year in D&T will be a fun and rewarding experience. Get ready to learn new skills, unleash your creativity, and design and make amazing products!



HEART - Personal Development

This D&T curriculum fosters personal development in several ways:

Confidence and Self-Belief: Successfully completing projects and mastering new skills builds confidence and a sense of accomplishment.

Resilience and Problem-Solving: Overcoming challenges during the design process and troubleshooting technical issues develops resilience and problem-solving skills.

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HEART - Personal Development (continued)

Independence and Initiative: Students learn to take ownership of their projects, manage their time effectively, and work independently.

Teamwork and Collaboration: Working with others on projects encourages teamwork, communication, and the ability to collaborate effectively.

Critical Thinking and Creativity: The design process fosters critical thinking as students analyze problems, develop solutions, and evaluate their work.

By nurturing these skills, D&T helps students build a strong foundation for personal growth and success not just in school, but also in their future endeavors.



HAND - Skills



Year 7 Design and Technology: Skills Development

This year in D&T isn't just about cool projects; it's about equipping you with valuable skills that will benefit you throughout your studies and beyond! Here's how the curriculum will help you develop:

Practical Skills:

Making: Through projects like the mood lamp and phone holder, you'll gain hands-on experience using tools and equipment, developing your ability to create physical products.

Problem-solving: As you design and make, you'll encounter challenges. Learning to troubleshoot and find solutions will become second nature.

Following Instructions: Working with briefs and specifications will hone your ability to follow instructions carefully and interpret technical information.

Design Thinking:

Creativity: Unleash your inner inventor! You'll learn to brainstorm ideas, experiment with designs, and come up with creative solutions to design problems.

Research and Analysis: Learn how to research existing products, understand their strengths and weaknesses, and use that knowledge to inform your own designs.

Technical Drawing: Develop your ability to communicate your design ideas clearly through sketches and, potentially, basic CAD (Computer Aided Design) skills.

Technical Skills:

Safe Use of Tools: Mastering workshop safety procedures will allow you to use tools and equipment confidently and responsibly.

Material Selection: Understanding different materials and their properties will equip you to choose the right materials for your designs. (For the mood lamp project, you might learn basic soldering!)

Quality Control: Develop a critical eye for detail, learning to identify areas for improvement and ensuring your projects meet high standards.

Planning and Communication:

Project Planning: Learn how to break down a project into manageable steps, plan your approach, and manage your time effectively.




Communication Skills: Through presentations and discussions, you'll develop your ability to communicate your design ideas clearly and persuasively.

Sustainability Awareness:

Ecological Impact: Consider the environmental implications of your designs. You'll learn to use materials responsibly and minimize waste.

Overall, this year in D&T will equip you with a valuable skillset, making you a more creative, resourceful, and technically proficient problem-solver!

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Prior Knowledge	Current	Future
<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an understanding of what health and safety is 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demonstrate H&S practices whilst using the school workshop
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand what a hazard and risk is within a workshop and that there are workshop rules in place - To know some methods of reducing H&S risks in D&T 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can explain safe practice in workshop by using my initiative. I can use my leadership to ensure others are safe within a workshop 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can explain how to keep myself and others safe in a workshop - I can identify a range of hazards that are within a school workshop area - Sign workshop contract. 	






Scales of production




Y7/T1/W2






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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An brief idea as to what mass, batch and continuous production means 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain the advantages and drawbacks of each production technique
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand how products are produced in different volumes- Mass production, batch production, one-off production 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can briefly describe the difference between the different scales of production and offer advantages and disadvantages of each one 	




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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To have a brief idea of what the term project means and the term client 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to write a design specification for a product context
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know the concept of a design brief - To know the difference between primary and secondary research - To know how and where to find relevant research to inform design decisions (materials, interviews, questionnaires, design movements, sustainability) 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can organise my thoughts and ideas into a structured mind map - I can use my organisational skills to arrange my research 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>		
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can analyse a design brief and plan out the research that needs to be carried out in the form of a task analysis - develop detailed design specifications to guide their thinking 		

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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand where woods and metals come from and give a some examples of each classification 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be able to classify other material groups
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know what timbers, metals are and where they are used - how to classify materials by structure e.g. hard woods, soft woods, ferrous and non-ferrous, thermoplastic and thermosetting plastics 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can use my initiative when using and choosing materials - I can use my initiative to come up with tests which show how the properties of smart materials change - I can see real life uses for these materials 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can classify woods (soft and hard) metals (ferrous and non-ferrous) - I can give some examples of Timbers and Metals - about the physical properties of materials e.g. grain, brittleness, flexibility, elasticity, malleability and thermal 	

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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some knowledge of what a circuit board is 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know a range of electrical components and what they do (including, LED, Battery, Resistor, Switch, Positive and Negative wires). - To know how to solder effectively and safely - Key terms- Electronics Systems:, Input, Control, Output, Sensors: LDR, Thermistor , Control Devices and Components: Resistor, Single-throw Switch, Transistor, Outputs: Buzzer, LED 	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate soldering a circuit for a moodlamp
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can use my initiative to analyse a working circuit board - I can use my resilience to solder accurately 	
	<p>HAND - Skills</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can identify a number of electrical components and their role within the mood lamp circuit - I can demonstrate soldering by completing my mood lamp circuit accurately and safely 	






Tools (Moodlamp Project focus)




Y7/T2/W1 and 2



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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An understanding of the workshop and some of the equipment 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate practical skills safely within the school workshop
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand how to select and use some tools and equipment - Be aware of relevant health and safety issues when using these tools and/or equipment 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Text 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can identify a number of tools from the workshop and briefly explain why and where they could be used. - I can demonstrate using some tools - make use of specialist equipment to mark out materials - use a broad range of material joining techniques including stitching, mechanical fastenings, heat processes and adhesives - use CAD/CAM to produce and apply surface finishing techniques, for example using dye sublimation - investigate and develop skills in modifying the appearance of materials - identify and solve their own design problems 	

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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand that some materials have a finish on, for example varnish on wood 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use finished on a product that they have manufactured and explain the reason for this finish
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Know and understand that surface treatments and finishes are applied for functional and aesthetic purposes - How a finish can be used to improve the aesthetics of a material 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisation 	
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can briefly explain why a finish is applied to a product and name a few different examples 	






Quality Control

Y7/T2/W4



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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understood that quality of manufacture will impact on the final product 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflect on their manufacturing skills so far and make improvements to their product
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know the definition of quality control and understand how it is used in projects - To know how to reflect on the project so far using quality control 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resilience to improve projects so far 	
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can use quality control to reflect on my project and suggest improvements 	






Evaluating in design

Y7/T2/W6



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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to explain the term 'evaluating' 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - select appropriate methods to evaluate their products in use and modify them to improve performance - produce short reports, making suggestions for improvements
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand what the evaluation process is and how it benefits design - Understand a few different methods to evaluate design 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisation 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - evaluate their products against their original specification and identify ways of improving them - actively involve others in the testing of their products - test, evaluate and refine their ideas and products against a specification, taking into account the views of intended users and other interested groups 	



Ecological and social footprint

Y7/T3/W3



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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand that manufacturing can have a negative impact on the environment 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <p>Ecological and social footprint</p> <p>To strengthen understanding of the 6 R's</p> <p>To understand how some companies are using the 6 R's to make themselves more sustainable</p>
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the environmental impacts of manufacturing products - To understand 3 of the 6 R's - To understand the impact of global warming 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Imaginative thinking: D&T encourages you to think outside the box and come up with unique designs and consider world wide issues 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can list a number of issues that manufacturing product may cause on our environment - I can list 3 of the 6 r's and briefly explain them - I can give some example of global warming and the impact on humans and animals 	






Ergonomics




Y7/T3/W4



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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That people of all different sizes and that product design takes that into account 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a product that has taken ergonomics into account
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the term ergonomics and how it applies to product design 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying problems: You'll learn to recognise issues and challenges within design briefs. 	
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can explain the term ergonomics - I can analyse a product and explain how ergonomics has been taken into account 	

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<p>Pupils should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand that products are packaged - Briefly understand a reason to why products are packaged 	<p>HEAD - Knowledge</p>	<p>Pupils should go on to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create some packaging for a product
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3P's of Packaging - o Protect - o Preserve - o Promote 	
	<p>HEART - Personal Development</p>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brainstorming solutions: You'll develop creative thinking skills to generate multiple ideas. - Evaluating options: You'll learn to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of different solutions. 		
<p>HAND - Skills</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can explain some reasons for packaging - I can explain some materials that are used in packaging and why 	