

# Key Stage 4 Options

OCR

GCSE (9-1)

Design & Technology





# What is design and technology?

We are a subject that looks at different ways to improve everyday living through product design

# Why choose Design and Technology?

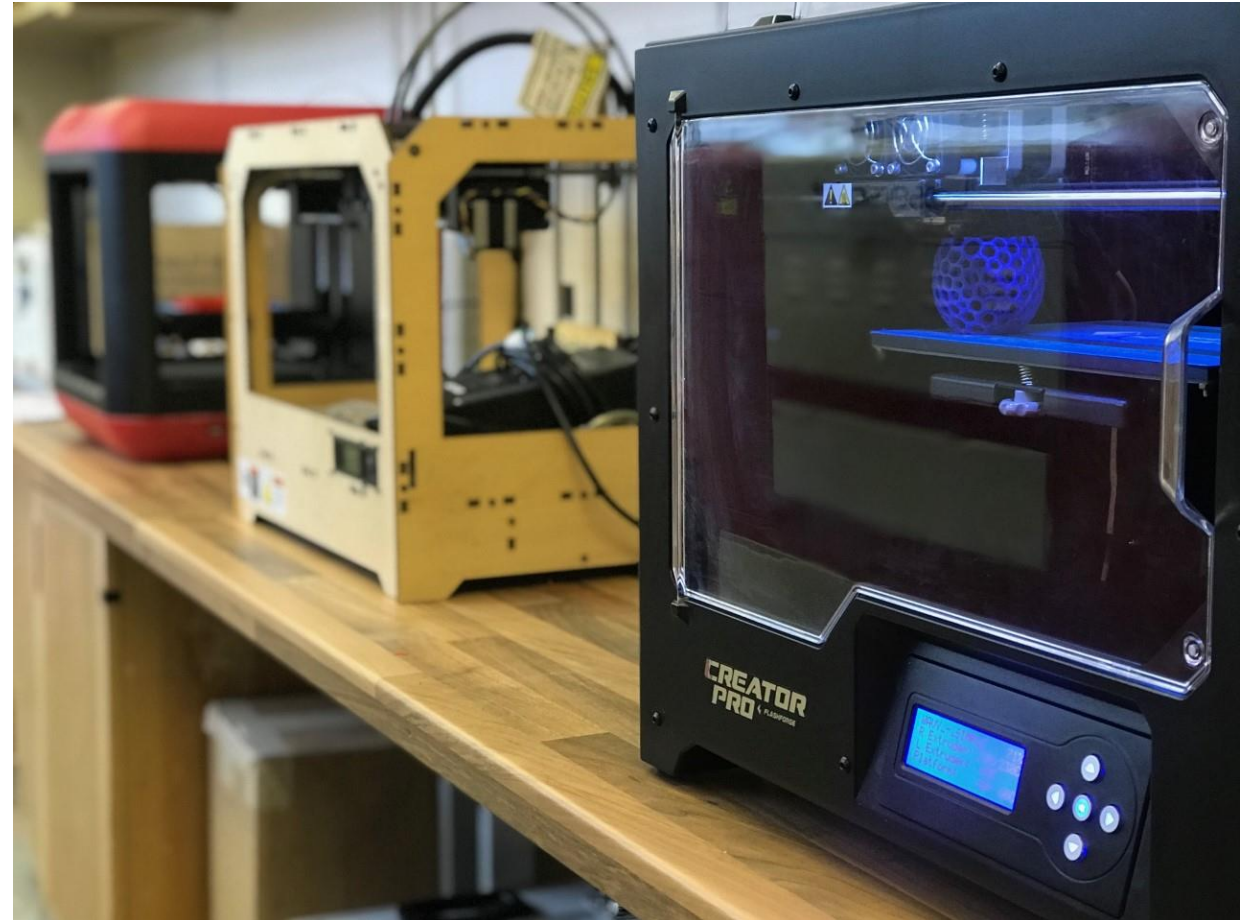
- The subject encourages you to develop design and thinking skills that will give you the tools to create the future.
- Engage learners with contemporary topics covering the breadth of this dynamic and evolving subjects.
- Generate empathetic learners who have the ability to confidently critique products, or situations and society in every walk of their lives and in the future.





# What will I learn about?

- An understanding of real-life experiences in designing and in the development
- Manufacturing and engineering
- Iterative design process and the relevance of these to industry practice
- Develop realistic design proposals
- Use your imagination, experimentation and combine design solutions





How to refine your ideas whilst designing and modelling ideas



Learn how to communicate ideas and decisions made to an audience



Learn how to develop decision making skills, including careful planning, managing time and above all meeting deadlines



Be ambitious and open and be prepared to take risks in order to stretch design proposals



Address costing, commercial viability and marketing of products



Demonstrate safe working practices in design and technology



Learn how to use  
key design and  
technology  
terminology  
including those  
related to:

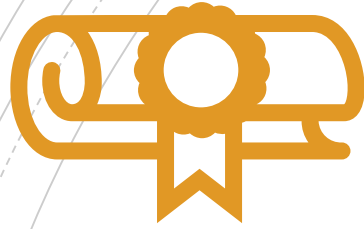
- Designing
- Innovation and communication
- Materials and technologies
- Making
- Manufacturing and production
- Critiquing
- Values and ethics



# Further study



i.e. A levels, BTEC diplomas,  
Higher National Diplomas,  
apprenticeships and future  
careers within the field of  
design.



**50% Iterative design  
challenge coursework**



**50% Principles of design &  
technology written exam**

How is the course assessed?



# Iterative design challenge project

50% of total GCSE (9-1)

- 100 marks
- Approximately 40 hours non-exam assessment
- As an outcome of their challenge, learners will be expected to produce a chronological portfolio and one final prototype(s)

**Identify needs and requirements**  
**(Explore)**

**Create solutions that meet those needs**  
**(Create)**

**Evaluating whether those needs have been met** **(Evaluate)**

50% of total GCSE (9-1)

2 hour written paper and is split into two sections

### **Core knowledge**

Demonstrates learners broad understanding of principles that all learners should have across the subject

### **In-depth knowledge**

Allows learners to focus more directly on at least one main material category, or design engineering.

\* A minimum of 15% of the paper will assess learners' mathematical skills as applied within a design and technology context

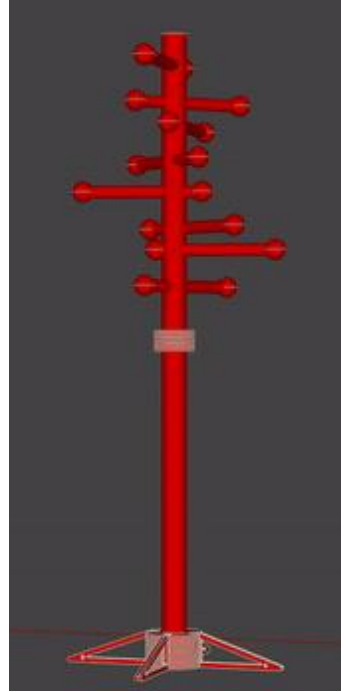
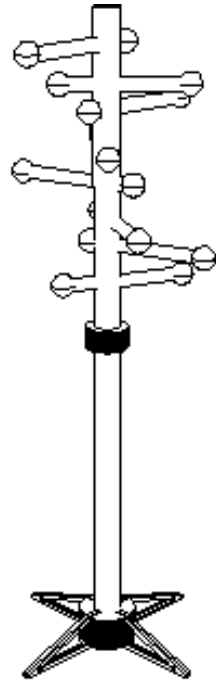
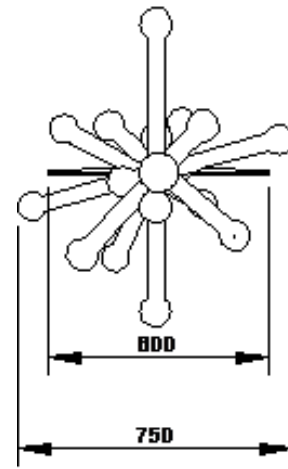
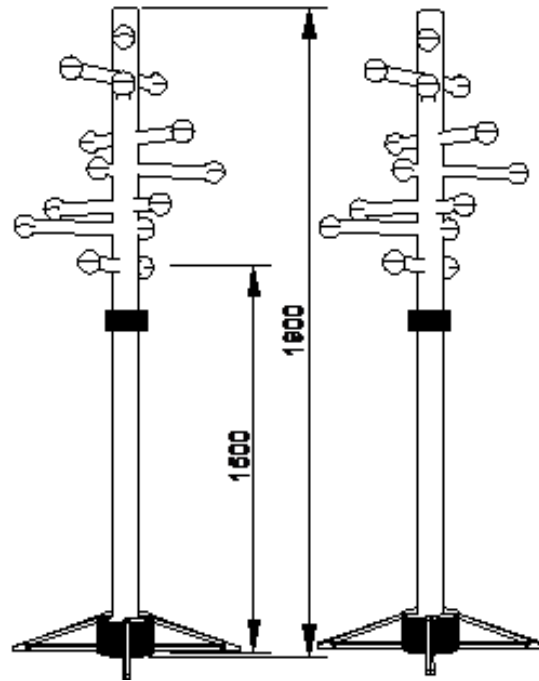
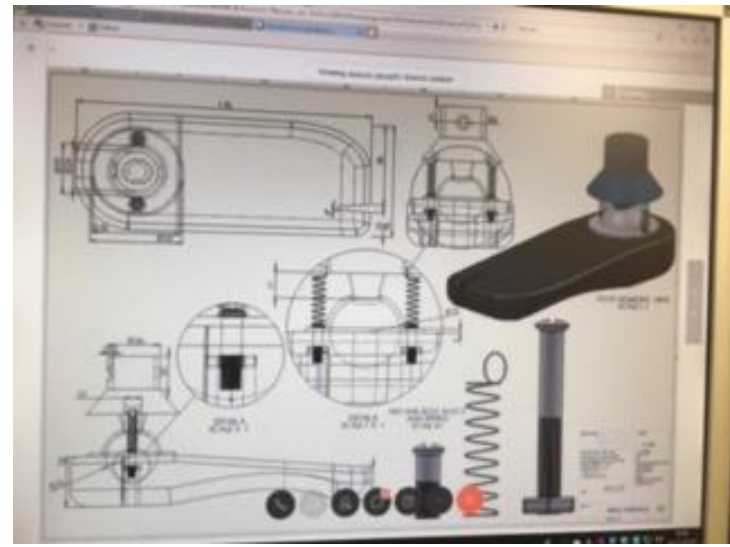
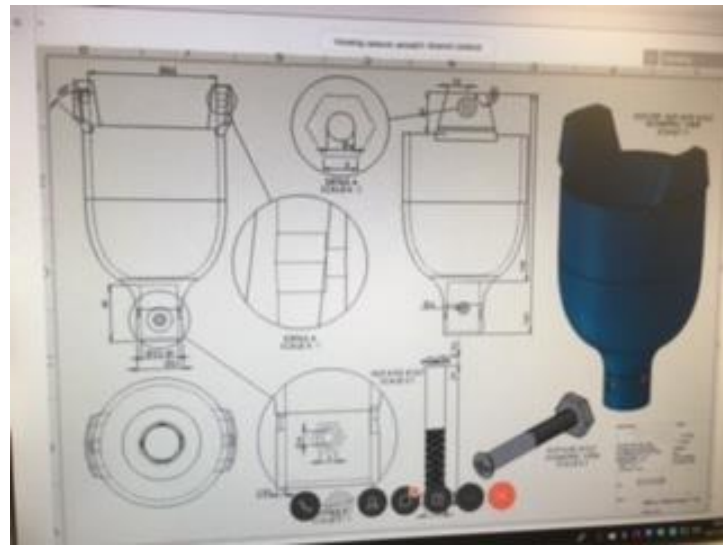
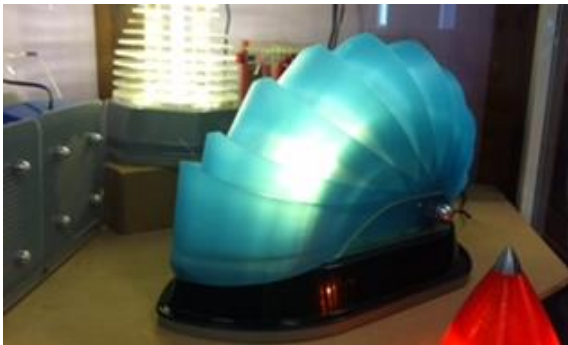
# **Principles of design & technology**

- Exam content
- Technical drawing, CAD (rapid prototyping) and CAM (CNC laser cutting, vinyl cutting, 3D printing and milling machines)
- Use workshop tools/ equipment and processes, and machinery
- Begin iterative design challenge project in the last half term



How is the course  
structured in year  
10?

# Past students' CAD work





- MBDA National Design competition at Hendon RAF Museum.
- Regional Rotary engineering tournament at The Marlborough Science Academy.



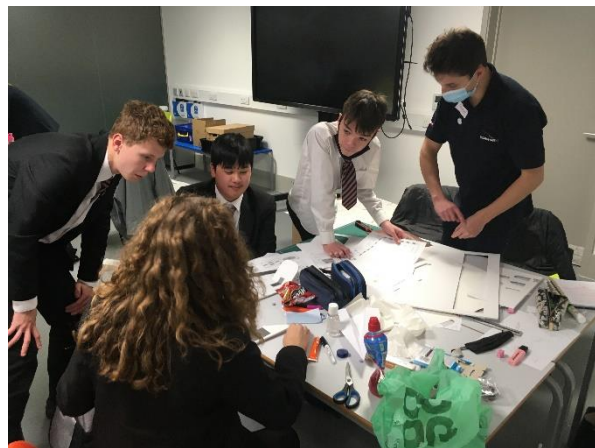
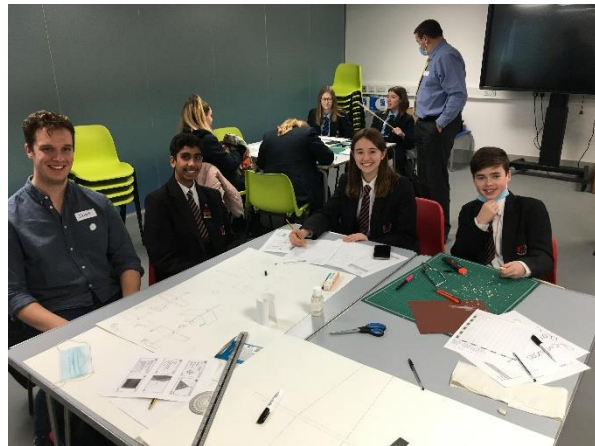
MBDA Stevenage - A world leader in missile systems

MBDA Hendon  
Aeronautical Design  
Challenge



Competitions in  
year 10





MBDA Competition –  
RAF Museum





Regional Rotary Engineering  
Tournament – Marlborough  
(Junior Team)

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- Complete the final major project
  - Continue preparing for the written paper

How is the course  
structured in year  
11?



## **Why choose design and technology as an option?**

Brings learning to life

Requires learners to apply their learning to real life situations

Lessons created to enthuse and inspire

Design and build prototype models that real and relevant problems

Learning of many valuable life skills and techniques

Student notes and guides issues

High grades accessible if the student is organised and motivated

Wide variety of activities with as much practical as possible

Ability for student to create their own designs

Very little hand writing - use of ICT

Adds variety to the GCSE timetable

**And...**

**Finally,  
exciting  
news on the  
horizon –  
you'll now be  
able to  
experience  
our brand  
new STEM  
suite!**



Kitted out with:

Newly installed 3D printers

New advanced Dell laptops to  
operate them

We are also in the process of  
applying for funding to run a  
green power IET Formulae 24+  
Go-kart kit that we can build  
and compete against other  
schools involved in the  
initiative.

Plus run a weekly radio control  
car club where you'll be able  
to build RCs from kit.

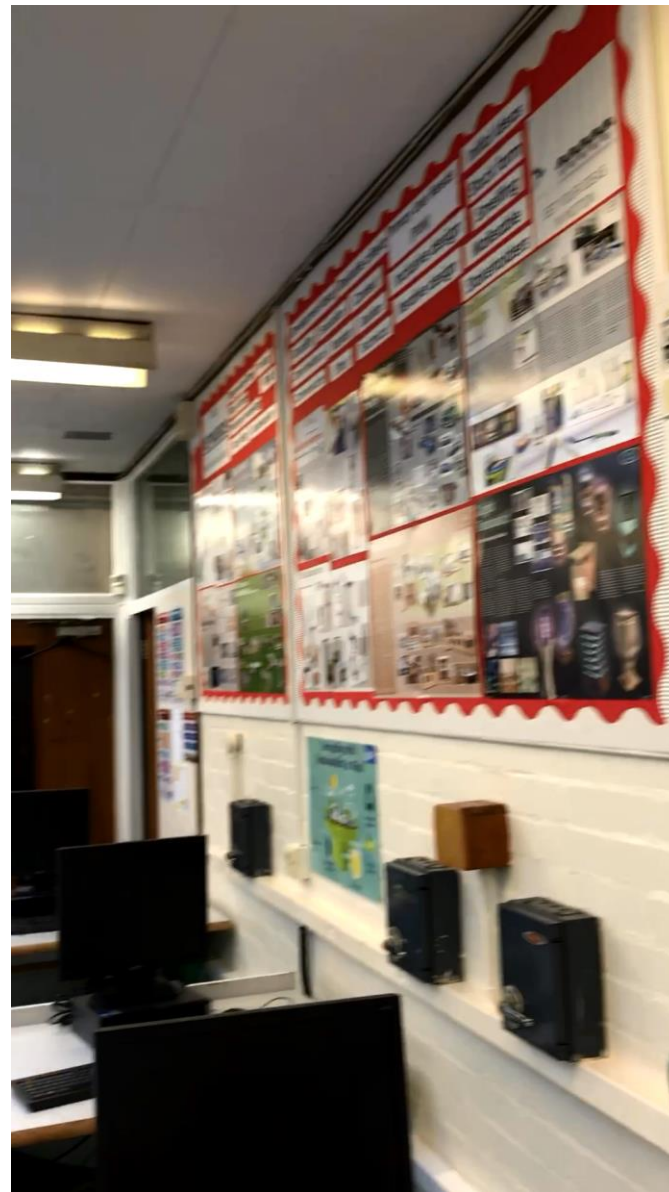
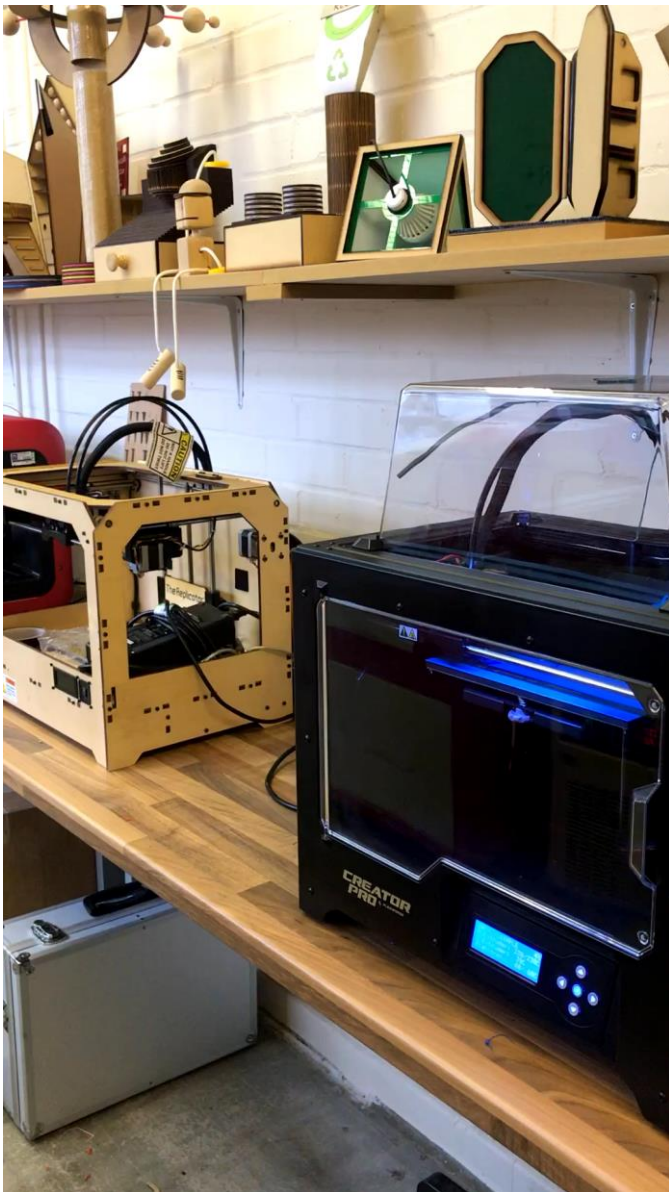
There is also the opportunity to apply for a prestigious Arkwright Scholarship in year 11 with £600 of supporting funds to use towards your studies in the sixth form.











Thank you for  
listening

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**For more information please speak to your Year 9 design and technology teacher or contact myself Mr Libberton (Deputy head of Design and Technology)**

