

Marshalls Park Academy - Curriculum Overview

Subject: Design and Technology

Year Group: 8



Students will be introduced to the workshops and graphics room. They will focus on a mixture of theory and practical skills. Projects will begin with theory and then move on to the design process. They will then complete the practical element and finish the topic off with an evaluation. The evaluation allows students to become accustomed to critiquing their work and using keywords to explain technical processes. This is expected to be completed at a much higher level.

Students will follow on from what they have been taught last year. There is an opportunity to recap skills and knowledge learnt previously. More technical aspects have been introduced this year and accuracy is needed in order to create a functional product. Electronic circuits have been introduced as well as a textiles project.

TERM 1 TECHNICAL DRAWING/GRAPHICS	TERM 2 STEADY HAND GAME	TERM 3 TEXTILES	
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	
Students are introduced to & able to practice a range of drawing & presentation techniques. They can then apply some of these skills to drawing text, interiors & cityscapes highlighting the careers links within D&T Theory content Freehand, Isometric, Crating, 1 & 2 point perspective, Rendering	Draw out PCB, Explain production process, Solder components following circuit diagram. Use of resistor colour code. Make simple casing (bridle or half lap joint). Design maze & assemble Theory content CORE systems & Control INPUT > PROCESS > OUTPUT. Environmental / Sustainability impact of electronic products	Students are introduced to & able to practice a range of textile techniques, resulting in a collection of their own woven, embroidered, dyed & printed swatches. They can then apply some of these skills to design & produce a plushie toy. Theory content Textile construction & embellishment techniques: weaving/knitting/felting, embroidery & applique, tie dye, block printing. The impact of culture on fashion & trends. Nesting & tessellation of parts to avoid waste.	
KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS	
HALF TERM 1 & 2	HALF TERM 1	HALF TERM 1	
Design communication & presentation research	Components research	Textile culture & construction research	
Independent Practice of each technique	Bridle joint & Half lap joint	weaving/knitting/felting, embroidery & applique, tie dye,	
	Design ideas	block printing	
	HALF TERM 2	HALF TERM 2	
	Circuit	Design ideas	
	Final product	Final Product	
	Test	Evaluation	



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Extended reading suggestions and links to external i	resources:	