

A mastery curriculum for Design

	Core skills to be mastered	Core knowledge to be mastered
Year 7	- Develop design specifications to guide their thinking. - Identify and solve design problems. - Being able to mark out with some accuracy. - Use a broad range of material joining techniques including, mechanical fastenings and adhesives. - Involve others in the testing of ideas and finished products.	- A small range of research methods. - produce ordered sequences and schedules for manufacturing products they design. - Know a range of metals and woods finishes. - How to classify materials by structure e.g. hard woods, soft woods, ferrous and non-ferrous, thermoplastic and thermosetting plastics.
Year 8	- Identify and solve design problems. - Use 3D CAD modelling to model ideas (2D design/google sketch up). - Being able to mark out with accuracy and select tools to do so. - Use a broad range of material joining techniques including mechanical fastenings and adhesives. - Investigate products through disassembly to determine how they are constructed and function. - How to use simple electronic circuits incorporating inputs and outputs.	- produce ordered sequences and schedules for manufacturing products they design, detailing resources required. - Know the basic properties of a range of materials leading to the pupils being able to select appropriate materials for a task. - About the physical properties of materials e.g. grain, brittleness, flexibility, elasticity, malleability and thermal. - Recognise when it is necessary to develop a new skill or technique. - Know a range of metals, polymers and woods finishes. - The positive and negative impact of a product on the wider world.
Year 9	- Develop design specifications that include a wider range of requirements such as environmental, aesthetic, cost, maintenance, quality and safety. - Understand how to reformulate design problems given to them. - Use CAD models to present and test ideas – solid works – possible 3D printing. - Being able to mark out with accuracy, select tools and suggest alternative tools/methods for a task. - Use a broad range of material joining techniques including mechanical fastenings, heat processes and adhesives. - Critically testing and evaluate ideas and finished products – including short reports.	- Research the health and wellbeing, cultural, religious and socio-economic contexts of their intended users. - Plan including resources, timings, own and other's roles – possibly using Gantt charts and flow charts. - A working knowledge of the properties of a range of materials – metals, polymers and timbers. - Know a range of metals, polymers and woods finishes and be able to explain advantages and disadvantages of each. - Consider the lifecycle of a product – 'cradle to the grave'. - How to make adjustments to the settings of equipment and machinery.