AS and / or A Level & GCSE Design and Technology
Newsletter - April 2025

This spring bulletin lists some important information, dates, deadlines and resources developed by Eduqas to support you with the delivery of our specifications this academic year. I hope that you are able to make use of these over the coming weeks and months.

NEA ASSESSMENT AND MODERATION

There are standardised exemplar NEA Outcomes available on the Portal to support teachers when assessing NEA components in 2025. There are also Marking exercises in CPD Materials for events that ran (Face-to-face and online) in 2024.

The deadline dates for marks to be entered via IAMIS are:
- GCSE – 5th May 2025
- GCE – 15th May 2025

Visiting moderators will have contacted your centre (via exams officers) to arrange a convenient date and time to moderate the sample of NEA work at GCSE, AS and A Level. The moderation windows are:
- GCSE – 12th to 16th May 2025
- GCE – 19th to 23rd May 2025

CONTEXTUAL CHALLENGE (AS and GCSE)

The new Component 2 NEA Design and Make Contextual Challenges (for 2026 award) will be published on June 1st and will be available on Portal by following the filters below:

All Services >Resources > Subject-Specific Support Material
Filters: Subject > Design and Technology, Level > GCE or GCSE, Type of Document > Non- Examination Assessment Tasks, Brand > Eduqas. **Note:** there is no Contextual challenge for Eduqas A Level candidates).

CENTRES NETWORKING MAP

Join our interactive Centres Networking Map, designed to allow teachers of Eduqas Design and Technology specifications to network with others to share experiences and ideas.

Sign up here: **Eduqas GCSE, AS and A Level Design & Technology Centres Map**

RESOURCES

A wide range of free digital resources specifically for use when delivering our AS / A level and GCSE Design and Technology qualifications are available on the Eduqas resources website. These include Exam and NEA Walk Throughs.

QUESTION BANK
This resource has been updated to include the most recent examination questions up to and including papers from Summer 2023. Summer 2024 questions will be added in June in line with our publication policy.

Please use these to help support candidates when preparing for Summer 2025 Examination papers.

PAST PAPERS AND MARK SCHEMES
These can be found on the subject / level pages (GCE / GCSE). Due to the publications policy
there are more recent versions on the Portal (see resource guides below for filters).

KEY DOCUMENTS
Marksheets and GDPR consent forms have been updated and can be found on the Design and Technology webpages under **Resources > Key documents > Non-Exam Assessment (GCE** and GCSE**)**.

Please note that following the JCQ update on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) it is the responsibility of the centre to identify and acknowledge candidates' use of AI. Latest guidance can be found here: https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/AI-Use-in-Assessments_Feb24_v3.pdf (Current as of Feb 2024).

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION (DATA) – D&T EXCELLENCE AWARDS
WJEC are please to confirm that we will be again sponsoring a prize (WJEC CBAC Excellence award for outstanding Pupil aged 16-18) at the D&T Excellence Awards.

Please enter your GCSE, AS and A Level students by downloading the nomination form or by filling in the online form. The nominations close on the **19th of June 2025**.

More information can be found here: Awards 2025 - D&T Association