

A photograph of two students in a design studio. A male student on the left is seated, looking towards a female student on the right. The female student is standing, smiling, and looking down at a portfolio or book she is holding. Both students are wearing black school uniforms with white shirts and blue and black striped ties. The background shows shelves with various design materials, including a mannequin torso with a purple garment and a colorful abstract painting.

GCSE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

YOUR GUIDE TO SWITCHING TO EDUQAS

[EDUQAS.CO.UK/DESIGNANDTECHNOLOGY](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/designandtechnology)

WHY SWITCH TO EDUQAS FOR GCSE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY?

Eduqas' highly practical GCSE Design and Technology qualification emphasises iterative problem-solving approaches, with a focus on modelling, testing and developing ideas.

We are also the only exam board offering in-person visiting moderation for NEA (Non-Exam Assessment), reducing admin for teachers while ensuring fair, accurate assessment.

Our NEAs let learners demonstrate their skills against clear assessment objectives. Meanwhile, our context-based written assessments emphasise knowledge and understanding over factual recall.

As an Eduqas GCSE Design and Technology teacher, you'll also benefit from expert support, with advice and guidance tailored for the classroom.



More reasons to choose Eduqas

- Accessible, reliable assessment
- Easy access to subject expert support
- Free high-quality teaching resources
- Expert-led training opportunities



ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED TO TEACH WITH CONFIDENCE

Easy access to subject experts

Our subject experts are just an email or call away. Eduqas teachers can also access free advice and guidance both online or in-person from our Regional Support Team.

Free high-quality teaching resources

Our free online teaching resources are designed by an expert team to help guide teachers and learners through our specifications, and include:

- Exam Walkthroughs
- Knowledge Organisers
- Interactive Online Blended Learning materials
- Question Bank

Expert-led training opportunities

Our comprehensive programme includes both free online exam feedback sessions and paid face-to-face training opportunities.

Comprehensive Assessment Feedback

Eduqas centres can access our free post-exam [Assessment Feedback Package](#), including access to marked scripts, Principal Examiner reports and online feedback sessions.

Access to our nationwide network of experienced Eduqas Design Technology teachers.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT & OBJECTIVES AND WEIGHTINGS

Component 1: Design and Technology in the 21st Century

A mix of short answer, structured and extended writing questions assessing candidates' knowledge and understanding of:

- Technical principles
- Designing and making principles
- Ability to analyse and evaluate design decisions and wider issues in design and technology

- Written examination
- 2 hours
- 50% of qualification

Component 2 : Design and Make Task

Data response questions covering all of the specification content

- Non-exam assessment
- 35 hours
- 50% of qualification

Assessment Objective	Description	Component 1	Component 2
AO1	Identify, investigate and outline design possibilities to address needs and wants	N/A	10%
AO2	Design and make prototypes that are fit for purpose	N/A	30%
AO3	Analyse and evaluate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design decision and outcomes including for prototypes made by themselves and others • Wider issues in design and technology 	10%	10%
AO4	Demonstrate and apply knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical principles • Designing and making principles 	40%	N/A
Total		50%	50%

HOW TO SWITCH TO EDUQAS

Switching to Eduqas is a straightforward, three-step process:

1

Register your interest in teaching with Eduqas

Visit eduqas.co.uk/switch and complete the Register Your Interest form. This helps us better support you through the switching process.

2

Ask your Exams Officer if your centre is registered with Eduqas

If not, they will need to contact us at centres@wjec.co.uk to register. Once your centre is registered, your Exams Officer can provide you with access to our Portal, which you will need to complete key processes and access exclusive resources.

3

Visit your qualification page for everything you need to get started

You can find this by going to eduqas.co.uk/qualifications and searching for your subject. Here you'll find links to everything you need to start teaching with Eduqas:

- Your specification
- Guidance for teaching
- Contact details for your Subject Officer
- Free digital teaching resources
- Training opportunities
- Key dates for your qualification
- Past Papers and Mark Schemes

Now you're ready to start teaching with Eduqas – but if you need more guidance, contact our Support Team on hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk, or discover training opportunities at eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning.

OUR FREE ONLINE RESOURCES



Blended Learning Modules

Each of our interactive online Blended Learning Modules covers a key topic, providing clear lesson objectives for learners before setting a range of tasks such as questions to answer on-screen, prompts for written work and downloadable practice exam questions.

Teachers can use our Blended Learning resources alongside traditional teaching methods in the classroom, or set them as online self-study exercises for learners to tackle at home.

Exam Walkthroughs

Exam Walkthroughs offer learners the opportunity to explore mock assessment papers through a narrated presentation full of helpful tips.

This resource is designed to help learners develop their exam technique and familiarise themselves with the structure and style of our exam papers.



Explore our full range of resources:
WWW.EDUQAS.CO.UK/RESOURCES



Question Bank

Question Bank is a free online tool that allows you to create downloadable practice exam papers for your learners.

Build your own exam paper choosing from thousands of Eduqas past paper questions spanning a range of years and topics, ideal for end-of-lesson tests, revision activities or homework.

Knowledge Organisers

Our Knowledge Organisers collect all the key information on a topic of study into an easy-to-digest format.

They're an ideal self-study or revision tool for learners, but they can also be useful for teachers in the classroom as the basis of quizzes or discussions.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Eduqas offers a comprehensive range of professional learning opportunities to help you teach with confidence.

Our expert-led training programme provides all the support you need to enhance your teaching and successfully deliver our qualifications.

Assessment Feedback Package

Our Assessment Feedback Package is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated.

This integrated suite of resources and training includes:

- Free access to Principal Examiner reports
- Free Online Assessment Feedback sessions
- Paid face-to-face training events
- Free access to scripts

Learn more: [eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/professionallearning)



ACCESSING SUPPORT

Our **Regional Support Team** operates across the UK, and is available to help you teach Eduqas qualifications with confidence.

As an Eduqas teacher, you can access their support for free online or in-person at a time and place that suits you.

Each member of the team is an experienced former teacher who understands the challenges of the classroom.

They can provide you with all the support you need to help your learners succeed, including:

- help switching to Eduqas
- expert insight into your specification
- answers to your questions on assessment
- guidance on accessing our free digital resources, and more.

Contact the team:
hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk

MEET YOUR GCSE DESIGN TECHNOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE



Ant Fleming

“The role of Regional Representative lets me support teachers in delivering Eduqas qualifications confidently. I respond to emails, host online meetings, meet with Exam Officers, and represent Eduqas at conferences.

I believe supporting teachers is crucial to success. It's important for teachers to have someone to consult, benefiting students and schools alike. Each day is different, but my focus is always on helping teachers. The most rewarding part is when teachers feel more confident after our meetings.”

Thinking of switching? Contact Ant at hereforyou@eduqas.co.uk or [request an informal online chat through our booking page](#).

What Teachers Say:

“For me, the access to high quality support and the pragmatic and realistic nature of the exam board made the switch to Eduqas inevitable... expectations are high but they provide the clarity and support so that we can reach those standards.”

Andrew Duffey

Head of Design & Technology

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