

15 June 2022

Dear parents and carers

Students have now started work on their **Non-Examined Assessment (NEA)** in Design and Technology, **worth 50% of their overall GCSE**. All students will be expected to **produce a prototype and a portfolio of evidence** in response to their chosen contextual challenge that was released by the exam board on 1 June.

Your young person has chosen one of these contextual challenges to pursue for their NEA:

- Working or studying from home
- Caring for animals

Students will be working on the NEA during our lesson time and through dedicated homework tasks up until February 2023. The NEA work will be marked by teachers and moderated by the exam board, AQA. We introduced the NEA at the start of this half-term and as part of their portfolio they are **required to find a client to design a product for** in response to their chosen contextual challenge. The client could be a family member, family friend or even a colleague. The client needs to be contactable to provide feedback on the designs and questionnaires on a handful of occasions between now and their submission date of February 2023.

Your young person's first homework task is to identify a client and complete a questionnaire to analyse the need for that client, due on Wednesday 22 June. It will be useful for you to discuss with them who they know that would be suitable for this role.

It is extremely important that students stay up to date with their NEA work and I would really appreciate your support in ensuring they do this to make the best progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NEA, homework tasks or about your young person's progress, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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