

More Able in Design & Technology



KS3

KS3 pupils are given opportunities to explore the use of Textiles, Food, Electronics, Graphic Design and Resistant Materials. During this process they will be taught a variety of designing and making skills.

These skills are assessed and then used to identify those pupils who are More Able. However, we also aim to identify those pupils who have a particular aptitude within the subject. i.e. Computer Aided Design, Cooking, etc.

Once identified the pupils who are More Able are encouraged to stretch themselves with the complexity of their designs.

At KS3 there is an Art and Design More Able trip and workshop run in the summer. Students are invited to attend based on their performance and attitude over the year.

KS4

More Able Year 10 and 11 GCSE students are expected to push the boundaries when it comes to design projects. Their projects will have an added level of complexity to ensure they reach the higher grades.

Higher level skills and techniques are demonstrated to groups or individuals depending on the route their major projects take them. It is expected that students with a greater aptitude in any of the four Technology subjects use a wider range of skills, with greater accuracy.

The pupils studying vocational qualifications have the opportunity to complete extra tasks to elevate their awards from Passes to Distinctions. As with the GCSE subject, students predicted to reach the higher awards are encouraged to do so regularly.

KS5

GCSE level students are expected to show a level of independence in their approach to their work. The More Able students are expected to select projects and research task that stretch their designing and making skills, along with improving their wide knowledge of the subject.

There is also the opportunity for students to select a topic or making task that they have a particular interest in and explore these independently.

