

## **Curriculum overview:**

KS3 students take part in 12 week subject courses of Design and Technology. These consist of Graphics, Resistant Materials, Textiles and Food Technology. Students will develop subject knowledge, which include analyse, design, development, plan, make and evaluate, within each of the above sub categories of Design and Technology.

## **Homework & assessments overview:**

Students are given a range of homework tasks within Design and Technology; this underpins students learning through lesson time and prepares subject knowledge, this is all done in a homework book.

Students are given a number of Independent Learning Projects (ILP). These consist of a longer personal project to encourage independent learning at a more significant level. The specific ILP depends on the 12 week project your child will be taking part in.

Assessment is a key part of the department, we are levelling to show student progress and outcomes. The school marking system of Comment, Target and Questioning is used to help students progress to the next level.

## **Useful websites:**

[www.design-technology.info](http://www.design-technology.info)  
[www.designandtech.com](http://www.designandtech.com)  
[www.technologystudent.com](http://www.technologystudent.com)  
[www.dtonline.org](http://www.dtonline.org)  
[www.design-technology.org](http://www.design-technology.org)  
<http://technologylinks.org>

## **Practical tips / activities for parents to support learning at home:**

Each student has a "How to achieve in Technology" sheet within their homework booklets. This is information to help with independent learning and resources to find appropriate information.

Also please encourage:

Listening skills

Ambition

Completing all homework

Completing all classwork

Project work

Independent learning

Organisation.