GCSE, GCE (AS / A2) Design and Technology
January 2024 - Newsletter

This Winter bulletin provides some important information, dates, deadlines and resources developed by WJEC 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.

CPD EVENTS
During the Autumn, there were a mixture of face-to-face and online CPD events. The materials produced for all CPD events have been made available on the secure website to support teachers. A high percentage were cancelled due to the low uptake in numbers; please keep a close eye on the training tab on the subject pages of the website and sign up for updates to ensure that future subject updates and CPD events are not missed, and numbers are sufficient to facilitate the events.

QUESTION BANK
Question Bank is a free tool which allows you to create practice exam questions. Find the questions from topics of your choice, add them to your exam paper and export your paper with accompanying mark scheme and examiner comments as a PDF ready to use in the classroom. We will be adding the 2023 examination materials to the Question Bank during spring 2024 (to comply with the publications policy).

Create - Build your own exam paper.
Customise - Mix and match questions across a range of years and topics.
Revise - Question Bank is suitable for end-of-lesson tests, revision activities or homework.

NEA EXEMPLAR
Summer 2023 NEA exemplar is now available on the secure website.

Tabs: Resources > Subject Specific Support Materials inc CPD and Exemplars

Filters: Subject > Design and Technology, Level > GCSE / GCE, Type of Document > Exemplar Materials, Brand > WJEC **(Press Search).**

You will find a range of projects across different focus areas for GCSE, AS and A2.

ONLINE EXAM REVIEWS (OER)
The summer 2023 OERs are now available on the WJEC OER Website. If you only see the Item Level Data page when you open an OER please download the free Adobe Acrobat DC software in the link above. **Please note** OERs will not be produced for any papers with low entry numbers.

RESOURCE GUIDES
All the resource guides have been updated with the new materials uploaded to the open or secure website. You will find these under key document > key information on the appropriate subject pages. **Please note** that Past Papers and Mark Schemes do not appear on the open website for 9 months due to the publication policy.

WJEC INNOVATION AWARDS 2023
The Presentation Ceremony for the 2023 Innovation Awards took place at The Senedd, Cardiff Bay on the 14th December 2023. Congratulations to winning students and centres! Read more: Innovation Awards. Please keep an eye on the webpage for updates.

RECRUITMENT OF SUMMER 2024 MODERATORS AND EXAMINERS

There are a number of examiner and moderator vacancies for next summer at both GCSE and GCE level. We are always looking to develop and expand our teams of examiners and moderators with dynamic Design and Technology practitioners who are looking for continuous professional development. If you are interested in these vacancies please complete the online application before the end of February 2024 and inform the subject team that you have submitted a late application form and are interested in moderating or examining next summer. You can read more here about becoming a moderator.

NEA ASSESSMENT AND MODERATION

Visiting moderators will have contact with your centre in early April (via exams officers) to arrange a convenient date and time to moderate the sample of NEA work at GCSE, AS and A Level. The new moderation windows are:

GCSE – 13th to 17th May 2024
GCE – 20th to 24th May 2024

The deadline dates for marks to be entered via the Internal Assessment tab on the secure website are:

GCSE – 5th May 2024
GCE – 15th May 2024

You will find a full list of key dates on the appropriate subject pages.

2024 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The confirmed 2024 summer timetables are now available Key dates and Exam Timetables.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

As part of the NEA marksheet, both the student and teacher declaration now include acknowledging the use of AI in D&T project work (if applicable). Further details can be found here: JCQ AI Use in Assessments.

QUALIFIED FOR THE FUTURE (QFF)

WJEC GCSE Design and Technology qualifications are at the approval criteria stage. Details of the current developments can be viewed by clicking on the link above.