

**Curriculum Area: Product Design Year: 8  
2015/2016**

Topics	Year Curriculum	How you can support learning at home, eg. Books, websites, family learning through visits.
<p><b>Year 8 (10 Week)</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to a Technology Workshop Passive Amplifier.</b></p>	<p>Learners will be challenged to develop their knowledge of wood and how to use traditional workshop equipment to manufacture a passive amp for a mobile phone. They will:</p> <p><b>Learners should demonstrate these skills through designing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be creative and innovative when designing;</li> <li>• design products to meet the needs of clients and consumers;</li> <li>• understand the design principles of form, function and fitness for purpose;</li> <li>• understand the role that designers and product developers have, and the impact and responsibility they have on and to society;</li> <li>• develop and use design briefs and specifications for product development;</li> <li>• consider the conflicting demands that moral, cultural, economic, and social values and needs can make in the planning and in the designing of products;</li> <li>• consider health and safety in all its aspects;</li> <li>• communicate the design proposal in an appropriate manner;</li> <li>• test and evaluate the final design proposal.</li> </ul>	<p>Parents and carers can encourage their child/children to be as actively involved in the design and manufacture of everyday products. Taking an interest in the many design and making related television programmes; watching and discussing them with your child/children can also be useful. Support will be vital in ensuring that all work is submitted for deadlines.</p> <p>These links are the websites where we have found some of the useful information and resources that you will find on this page. To find more information or visit the sites that they came from, click on the links below.</p> <p>A list of websites that might be helpful in research and revision:</p> <p><a href="http://www.technologystudent.com/prddes1/prddex1.html">http://www.technologystudent.com/prddes1/prddex1.html</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.design-technology.info/home.htm">http://www.design-technology.info/home.htm</a></p>



**Learners should demonstrate these skills through making:**

- select and use tools/equipment and processes to produce quality products;
- consider the solution to technical problems in the design and manufacture process;
- use tools and equipment safely with regard to themselves and others;
- work accurately and efficiently in terms of time, materials and components;
- manufacture products applying quality control procedures;
- ensure, through testing, modification and evaluation, that the quality of their products is suitable for intended users and devise modifications where necessary that would improve the outcome(s);

