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Dear Families

I wrote to you earlier this half term outlining the plan for the DT NEA. I am happy to report that students have worked really hard to get their products to a completed state and ready for marking.

As I said in my previous letter, section E: the making of the prototype, is worth 20 marks out of the 100. Students must submit their NEA Portfolio in the new Google Drive folder for Sections A-E (worth 80 marks) ready for marking.

Taking on board student feeling, and parental conversations, I am extending their deadline to Monday 24 February at 3.00pm for sections A-E to be submitted. At this time, myself and colleagues from Sackville and the Mid Sussex Federation will start marking the work.

Students will then in class with me, work on section F: the Analysing and Evaluating, which will last for four lessons before moving onto exam preparation ahead of their final exams in May.

Students must use the extended time wisely, and actively work on their NEA Portfolio. Many have indicated that they do not know how to improve their work. Unfortunately, due to JCQ guidelines I cannot give 1-1 support feedback. I can however, outline what is expected in each section and explain this to learners.

In order to do this in the easiest, most accessible way, I have created a website for students to use. The website takes them through each section, explaining what I will be looking for in order for them to achieve maximum marks. I would appreciate your support in going through this with them and looking at their portfolios advising them of areas they are missing.

If every student does every aspect of the website they will score very well on this NEA and secure a good mark walking into their exam in May.

I hope that between now and Monday 24 February, your child will be able to make a huge improvement in their work with the support of the new site.

To access the new site you can [click here](#), and they can access it via Google Classroom.

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