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Dear Families

## Important Information for Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology Students

I am writing to inform you about an important upcoming phase in your child's GCSE design and technology course. As we move into the summer term two, students will begin their Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) work during their regular design and technology lessons.

The NEA constitutes a significant 50% of their final GCSE grade. The remaining 50% will be determined by a two hour examination at the end of Year 11.

During this NEA period, students will be required to complete a comprehensive folder of work, demonstrating their understanding of the design process, their technical skills, and their ability to develop and evaluate a design solution.

To ensure students stay on track and manage their workload effectively, deadlines will be set for each section of the NEA. These deadlines will be communicated to you in advance, with dates sent home prior to each submission point. We believe that keeping you informed will allow you to support your child effectively throughout this crucial part of their GCSE.

We understand that you may have questions regarding the NEA, and we encourage you to reach out to me directly if you do - [gmaltby@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:gmaltby@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely

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