

8TH October 2019

Dear Parent

DT Coursework

I am writing to offer my help and assistance with your child's design and technology GCSE. I want to ensure that your child is using their own study and lesson time effectively and not missing out on additional support, which could gain them higher marks in their non-examined assessment (coursework) and their exam.

In order to support your child, we have given them a number of smaller manageable deadlines to help them structure their folder progress more clearly. I am concerned that your child is struggling to manage their time and workload with their coursework, as they have fallen behind. By the end of the summer and upon returning to school this September, your child should have completed the first sections of research (approx. five pages). They also need to ensure that they complete their design ideas, modelling and initial developments by October half term. This will give them the advantage of starting the practical work in November. The whole project should evidence a years' worth of work.

They have been given a number of resources in class previously towards the end of Year 10 and they need to ensure they keep up to date with their folder pages. Please do support them with this. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher then please respond to this letter by emailing the relevant teacher or curriculum leader, and a suitable appointment can then be arranged. The meeting will allow us to give you some additional guidance on supporting your child with their coursework.

In addition to their focus on their individual projects, students must undertake further **SENECA** (we recommend at least thirty minutes a week). The online home learning platform for the retrieval of learnt information through testing is proven to make students learn two times faster! The algorithms of **SENECA** call on prior knowledge from Year 10 and performance to adapt and provide personalised revision and testing for each student.

- **SENECA** – Log in at www.senecalearning.com and follow the directions.

Finally, with just seven weeks until the Year 11 PPE exams, please make yourself familiar with your child's **revision plan** to prevent ineffective revision cramming. As part of our plan, their teacher will be available for additional period six and lunch time revision classes, or **SENECA** where available.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at dbuckley6@uhs.org.uk (or your child's DT teacher).

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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