

## How can parents help?

### 1. Check that your son/daughter is making full use of all the resources and support available.

We have worked hard to provide resources that will help with revision.

Please check that your son/daughter is using these resources.

- Are they using the revision materials on their OneDrive?
- Have they printed out the revision checklists and practice exam questions for each exam paper?
- Are they following a realistic revision timetable?
- Are they attending after school support sessions and making full use of lesson time?



### 2. Check that your son/daughter is using effective revision strategies.

It is crucial that students follow the advice they have been given about how to revise. Simply reading through notes is not enough. The key tips for successful revision in Design & Technology are:

- Summarising – Encourage your son/daughter to summarise key topics using flashcards, a Mind Map, diagram or revision poster. They could teach you about a key topic from the revision checklist or you could test them on their ability to recall key information on their flashcards.
- Regular self-testing – Testing tells you what you know and what you don't know and therefore where to focus further study. Recalling what you have learned causes your brain to reconsolidate the memory, which strengthens its connections to what you already know and makes it easier to recall in the future.

### Please encourage your son/daughter to:

- Regularly use the knowledge tests, past papers and practice questions on OneNote to check their understanding of the key topics.
- Focus their revision on 'weaker' areas (these should be identified through regular self-testing).
- Ask for support from their teacher when they need it.

Further advice and support is available on the parents section of the school website



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## Advice for Effective Revision

