Subject	Assessment	Information about the course	This subject will suit
AQA Product Design GCSE  Taught by The Art and Design Staff	Coursework assignments (50%) Design and Make assignment which will take between 30 and 35 hours.  Students will produce a prototype and a portfolio of evidence Work will be marked by teachers and moderated by AQA  Written examination (50%) Examining all sectors in relation or the design and manufacture of products.  Questions Section A – Core technical principles (20 marks) A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding. Section B – Specialist technical principals (30 marks) Several short answer questions (2-5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principals. Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks) A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.	GCSE Product Design enables students to design and make products with creativity and originality, using a range of materials and techniques.  Students will be required to follow the design process fully in order to complete all aspects of the non examined assignment.  Identifying and investigating design possibilities Producing a design brief and specification Generating design ideas Developing design ideas Realising design ideas Analysing and evaluating  Students can choose the materials that they prefer to create their prototypes in. (Wood, metal, fabric, electronics)	The GCSE course will suit students who have a genuine interest in design, how things work and how they are made. Students who like to solve problems with practical solutions.  A lot of independent investigation skills are required. This is not solely a practical course.  A good basic knowledge and ability with Mathematics is essential in order to fully access the examination information.