

# Design and Technology 2023/2024

GCSE and A level Design and Technology, Subject Advisor support session.

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# Reminder about post results services

If you're a centre with a concern about a student's results, you can use our post-results services. JCQ guidance below:

## > [JCQ guidance on post results services](#)

### Services:

### [Which should I choose?](#)

- 1) Free Access the Scripts (ATS)
- 1) Service 1: Clerical check
- 2) Service 2: Review of marking
- 3) Service 2P: Priority review of marking
- 4) Service 3: Review of moderation

# Key dates – summer 2023

Activity	Date
Review of Results deadline, including review of moderation	28 September 2023
A level D&T NEA support event	2 October 2023
GCSE D&T NEA support event	4 October 2023
Access to Scripts (Script viewer)	15 December 2023
Entry deadline for summer 2024 series	21 February 2024
NEA submissions deadline	15 May 2024
A level D&T Component 1 exam	05 June 2024
GCSE D&T Component 1 exam	18 June 2024
A level Results day	15 August 2024
GCSE Results day	22 August 2024

[Key dates page](#)

# Grade boundaries

Grade boundaries for summer 2023 are online. There are 2 documents each for GCSE and A level qualifications.

- 1) Grade boundaries (Full)
- 2) Notional component grade boundaries (Showing exam and NEA separately)

*Paper 2 for D&T in the document is the NEA notional grade boundaries*

GCSE	A level
<a href="#">GCSE Grade boundaries</a>	<a href="#">A level Grade boundaries</a>
<a href="#">GCSE Notional component grade boundaries</a>	<a href="#">A level Notional component grade boundaries</a>



# Grade statistics (provisional)

Grade statistics summarise the overall grade outcomes of candidates sitting Pearson examinations.

[> GCSE Provisional grade statistics](#)

[> A level Provisional grade statistics](#)

# Contextual challenges (GCSE only)

[Contextual challenges](#) for summer 2024 submissions were published on **1 June 2023**. In the document, there are 3 themes and 6 contextual challenges (2 per theme) in total.

Please remember that:

- Learners must independently select the contextual challenge they want to focus on for their NEA.
- Learners must select one of the 6 challenges available.
- Contextual challenges are open for interpretation and learners should work on the challenge selected to identify a design problem/situation, rather than directly identifying a product.
- Learners should have a user centred design approach in their design and make project and ensure that user needs and wants are met in responding to the identified design problem/situation.
- Learners must work independently throughout.



# Learner Work Transfer

Please remember to take a digital approach for portfolio creation as there are **no** hard copy submissions. All NEA samples are submitted through Learner Work Transfer (LWT).

[> Slides on preparing digital portfolios](#)

[> Design and Technology – LWT guidance](#)



# Training



Event	Date	Link to access/register
GCSE D&T New to Edexcel training	On demand	<a href="#">Access training</a>
GCSE D&T Coursework Marking training	On demand	<a href="#">Access training</a>
A level D&T New to Edexcel training	On demand	<a href="#">Access training</a>
A Level D&T Coursework Marking training	On demand	<a href="#">Access training</a>
A level D&T NEA support event	02.10.2023	<a href="#">Register here</a>
GCSE D&T NEA support event	04.10.2023	<a href="#">Register here</a>

# Materials and resources to help deliver GCSE and A level D&T

## Past papers

Past papers from summer 2023 series, including question papers, mark schemes and examiner reports are available through the qualification pages. Please see links below to download these:






[GCSE D&T past papers](#)

[A level D&T past papers](#)

Materials are padlocked, so that they can be utilised for mock purposes. You can access these with your edexcel online log in details.

[EXPAND ALL](#)

June 2023 **NEW**

-  [Modified papers - 9DT0 - June 2023](#) **NEW**  
Modified papers to help candidates with varying needs to access past examination materials  
| ZIP 2.1 MB | 25 August 2023
-  [Examiner report - A Level Paper 1 - June 2023](#) **NEW**  
| PDF 211.1 KB | 22 August 2023
-  [Examiner report - A Level Paper 2 - June 2023](#) **NEW**  
Paper 2  
| PDF 261.8 KB | 22 August 2023
-  [Mark scheme - A Level Paper 1 - June 2023](#)  
| PDF 497.1 KB | 24 July 2023
-  [Question paper - A Level Paper 1 - June 2023](#)  
Paper 1  
| PDF 1.3 MB | 03 July 2023

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# Materials and resources to help deliver GCSE and A level D&T

Delivery guide, exemplar materials for the NEA and past training content

The NEA delivery guide and the exemplar materials available will help with the NEA and these can be accessed from the qualification pages.

[>>GCSE D&T delivery guide, exemplar portfolios and past training content](#)

[>>A level D&T delivery guide and exemplar portfolios and past training content](#)

**Please note:** *There will be more exemplars made available from summer 2023 series. These will be published in the above locations.*

# Materials and resources to help deliver GCSE and A level D&T

CABs, Authentication and Administrative Support Guide (ASG) for summer 2024 assessment

Administrative materials have been updated for summer 2024 and can be accessed in the below link for GCSE and A level separately.

[A level Administrative assessment materials](#)

[GCSE Administrative assessment materials](#)

# Materials and resources to help deliver GCSE and A level D&T

## Published resources

[Pearson GCSE D&T student book](#)

[PG online resources for Edexcel GCSE D&T](#)

[A Level Design and Technology \(2008\) student books mapped to new spec](#)

[Free Topic guide for A level](#)

[Hodder My revision notes for Edexcel GCSE and A level D&T](#)

# Doodle workbook!

This workbook is designed to help students cover all of the core subject content, and one material specialism of their choice, ready for their examination. The workbook contains ideas on how to engage with some of the course content, space to discuss health and safety and aspects around mathematics in D&T, and has open spaces to stick worksheets in or to simply sketch.

[>Order workbooks here](#)



# New Designers for GCSE D&T

Updated designer list with resources are available on the qualification website. The list replaces the 8 designers we had in our specification and is designed to include a diverse range of designers, whom your learners can get inspired from in their D&T studies.

[This update](#) will link you to the list of designers and the resources available.

## A diverse future for GCSE Design and Technology

Following our research into the subject of D&T, we have identified that our GCSE Design and Technology (9-1) course specification lacks a wide and representative list of designers from which students can not only seek inspiration within their chosen subject area, but also seek inspiration from individuals who provide a clear representation of the diverse people who work and influence the design industry here in the UK.

We have therefore updated our short list of 8 designers and design related organisations, to become a list of 41 named designers and organisations. The list, which is linked below, provides choice for every material specialism and has been built to ensure that all parts of the UK are represented, alongside a broader commitment we have made to include designers of more diverse backgrounds. The GCSE specification has been updated so that teachers of D&T can easily engage with our enhanced designer list.

This update is for first teaching [September 2023](#), however students can use these materials in their investigation/research from now.

We have included designers who have influenced major moments in history, designers we believe represent a future for the subject and industry, and designers who are challenging perceptions of the subjects' value to society.

**We will continue to refresh this list during the lifetime of the GCSE, and expect that each year, students studying the subject will pick at least 2 designers that resonate with them and the context in which they are experiencing the subject.**

► [Updated specification and list of designers](#)

We have produced easy to use PDF worksheets to download, print and give to students, with questions that encourage the research and exploration of each designer, based on their work and recent achievements.

► [Worksheets for suggested designers for study](#)

We will monitor feedback from teachers, and add further support if needed, to ensure that teachers have the tools needed to support students of D&T in the very best way possible.

# Joining the D&T Assessment Team at Pearson Edexcel

## Becoming an examiner/moderator

There has never been a better time to consider becoming an examiner or coursework moderator for Pearson Edexcel. We are always looking to bring on board new GCSE and A level assessment associates to the team.

Key benefits include:

- opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the assessment process conducted by Pearson Edexcel in both component 1 and 2
- professional development that builds your profile as a teacher of the subject
- paid work that you can complete away from the classroom
- opportunity to network and meet like-minded teachers of the subject, who are passionate about design and technology
- a great way to develop your own practice, by assessing the work from other centres
- the rewarding experience of helping to endorse and support your fellow teachers in their assessment of student coursework.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email me in the first instance – [teachingdesignandtechnology@pearson.com](mailto:teachingdesignandtechnology@pearson.com)

[Link to vacancies](#)



# Subject page for latest news and updates

Please visit the [subject page for Design and Technology](#) frequently, where you can access updates, e.g. from the carousel. I share my monthly updates here, if you are not signed up to receive them to your email.

*Please do [sign up](#) to receive these, which can include additional updates around training and other news.*

In addition, you can access my contact details, latest news, useful documents and popular topics, as well as useful links to other parts of the website from this page.

**Welcome back! September 2023 update**


GCSE/A Level Design and Technology: All Set for the New School Year

NEA support events

Edexcel Online and Multi Factor Authentication (MFA)


**Welcome back! September 2023 update**

I trust you've had a splendid summer break and are now fully recharged for the start of the 2023/2024 academic year. Here's the September update, marking the first update of the academic year, providing you with all the essential information and support you may require.



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# Support and contact

We are always here to support and help, so please do feel free to get in touch. There are various ways you can get in touch with us and these are detailed here.

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