

Key Stage 4 Learning Journey

AQA 8552 GCSE Design & Technology

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVE WEIGHTINGS FOR GCSE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

10% NEA	30% NEA	10% NEA	10% EXAM	40% EXAM
AO1: Identify, investigate and outline design possibilities to address needs and wants.	AO2: Design and make prototypes that are fit for purpose.	AO3: Analyse and evaluate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> design decisions and outcomes, including for prototypes made by themselves and others wider issues in design and technology. 	AO4: Demonstrate and apply knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> technical principles designing and making principles. 	

EXAM BREAKDOWN					
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 principles (30 marks) Several short answer questions (2–5 marks) and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principles.	Section C – Designing and making principles (50 marks) A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.	• Written exam: 2 hours	• 100 marks	• 50% of GCSE

