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Dear Parent or Carer,

RE: GCSE Design and Technology Coursework Deadline

I am writing to make you aware of the upcoming coursework deadline in GCSE Design and Technology.

Students have been working on the Iterative Design Challenge (worth 50% of the GCSE), in which they must respond to contexts supplied by the exam board. Students are required to identify their own brief, tailored to the needs of a real-world primary user. They must then use their creative skills to produce a range of possible solutions, testing these through a wide range of drawings, models and simulations. The series of developments ultimately should lead to a final prototype, produced in school and then tested in the real world.

The deadline for the final portfolio of work is Friday 31 March 2023. In order to meet this deadline students must have completed the manufacture of their prototype by Friday 10 March 2023.

All students have been invited to afterschool catch up sessions on Mondays and Thursdays in DT5 and I ask that where possible, you encourage your child to attend these. Twilight buses are available on these evenings.

You can also support your child at home with this work by asking to see their projects so far and discussing their ideas with them. Students can gain valuable marks by recording the opinions of others and demonstrating a wide range of different ideas.

If you have any queries about this work, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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Subject Leader for Technology

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