NHSG Key Stage 3 Unit Overview for Year 7 Product Design Practical Lessons



Scheme of Learning	
	The aim of our Y7 Product Design practical curriculum is for students to work safely and become more confident when using tools and equipment when making products.
	Subject Content: Alien Bookmark Project
	Draw a design using CAD software
	Change the line colour for cutting and graving parts of the final product
	Skills Set:
	Use CAD/CAM to draw and make an alien bookmark
Learning outcomes	Box Project
	Making butt joint, comb joint and mitre joint
	Using tools and machinery safely
	Skill set: Ability to make a wooden box from a strip of pine measuring 500 x 45 x 8mm using a wood joint. This requires development of the
	following skills:
	Calculating the dimensions of your box Marking out the pieces peeded to make the box assurately.
	 Marking out the pieces needed to make the box accurately Cutting and filing joints
	 Cutting and filing joints Achieving a high-quality finish though sanding and filings holes in box before applying painted decorative finish
	Application of theory knowledge when making
	Working independently
	Alien Bookmark Project
	How can you change the line colours of the CAD drawing for cutting and engraving?
	How can you check your CAD drawing for errors?
	How could you improve if you were to use CAD/CAM when making products?
Key Questions	
	Box Project
	How do you make a butt, mitre, comb joint? How applied the list he approved to the least?
	How could the lid be secured to the box? How could the descrative finish be applied to your box?
	How could the decorative finish be applied to your box?

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How do you achieve a high-quality finish on your box?
How could you improve if you were to make the box again?
Practical products
Alien bookmark
Wooden box
Key terminology:
Alien bookmark: CAD/CAM, annotation, evaluation, laser cutter
Box project: isometric drawing, dimensions, butt joint, mitre joint, comb joint, rendering, high quality finish
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Self-marking using assessment criteria grid: Students to consider how they worked in each of the following categories and then understand the skills or elements of practical work that
should be a target for their next project.
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Misconceptions- Wood classification, calculating measurements incorrectly, mixing up correct names of equipment.
Alien Bookmark
Use of alien theme, alien shape, alien details, shape of bookmark, overall finish, working independently
Wooden box
Shape of box, accuracy of shape, joint used, type of lid, fit of lid and base, compartments, holes, gaps and sanded edges, working
independently, painted decoration
Practical skills are self-assess and suggest improvements to their practical work in Y7 and are expected to further refine and improve their
skills over KS3.
How will we know that pupils can answer the key question? Students will have made a box and their progress is dependent on their
independence, the quality of outcomes, application of decoration and complexity of box shape.
Knowledge, skills, understanding, application? Application of theory knowledge is assessed through the theory test at the end of term.
Theory activities lead into practical work e.g. learning about joining materials together
Practical demonstrations in lessons prior to practical so correct use of tools and equipment can be selected and students can see how to do
each skill
Practical lessons build on skills as the project progresses and student's confidence grows i.e. make the sides of the box, add a base, secure
the lid to the box, add compartments, apply the painted decoration

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Links to Careers	Civil Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Aeronautical Engineer, Robotics Engineer, Systems Engineer, Architect, Landscape Architect, Industrial
	Designer, Interior Designer, Graphic Designer, Video Game Designer
	Gender neutral themes given: aliens, famous works of arts
Diversity and Inclusion	Examples of named artists from different cultures and with disabilities whose work could be used as inspiration when decorating the
	wooden box
	Examples of practical products
Support	Method sheets on how to make wood joints
	Small group demonstrations for skills
	Practical challenge arises in the complexity of the students design and the skill required to deliver a high-quality product that matches their
Challenge	initial design ideas. For example, a more complex wooden box is likely to include mitre joints or dovetail joints.