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Ref: ABA/CWA

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Dear Parents/Carers of [StudentFullName]

I hope you are well.

I am writing to share some important information regarding the **Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology Papers and Boards Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)** and upcoming practise examination. Students will begin their **NEA on Monday 1st June**. All resources for each section of the NEA will be made available on Microsoft Teams, where students will also find interim deadlines set as assignments. It is very important that students meet these interim deadlines to ensure they remain on track with the project. To support this, after-school sessions will be available in T101 every Monday from 2:50pm–3:50pm for any student who would like additional support or guidance.

Section 1.1 – Investigation and Research

Interim deadline: Friday 19th June, 4:00pm

This section should be completed as a digital PowerPoint and must include the following slides:

- 1 × Context Analysis page
- 1 × Existing Products analysis
- 1 × Target Market Research
- 1 × Location Research and any other relevant research that supports their investigation
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Students will need to investigate real clients and locations, meaning some research will need to be carried out outside of school hours. Lesson time will primarily be used for typing up and presenting their investigations.

Section 1.2 – Design Brief and Specification

Interim deadline: Friday 17th July

When students return in September, they will begin developing their design ideas. Interim deadlines for the remaining sections of the NEA will be shared at that stage.

In addition, students will be completing a mock GCSE exam in June. They have been preparing for this during lessons, and I have also set an assignment on Teams containing revision materials and resources for them to access independently.

Thank you for your continued support in helping students manage their workload and meet deadlines. If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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