

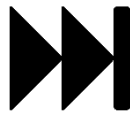


Product Design Independent Study Support

INDEPENDENT STUDY – Preparation Consolidation Reflection

Remember you should be studying one hour independently for every hour of lesson time. In your independent study periods, once homework and assignments are complete, you should complete tasks from the following list:

Preparation



- Study the NEA guidance for the current stage in your project
- Study the NEA guidance for the next stage in your project
- Practice drawing and communication techniques, using guidance, tutorials and examples found on websites, including YouTube.
- Read the pages of the text book that you've been recently working on, or will be working on next
- Carry out wider reading using resources such as *New Design* magazine, *Design Week*, and *Dezeen*. Watch TV shows such as *Design for Life*, *The big life fix*, and *Better by Design*.

Consolidation



- Complete pages for the current section of the NEA
- Make notes, produce sketches, watch videos to prepare for the next stage of the NEA. This could be design drawing, development drawings, or researching manufacturing and materials.
- Apply your design and communication skills to producing high quality design work.
- Answer the relevant questions to test yourself.
- Try to incorporate design features you might have seen or identified during your wider reading time.

Reflection



- Use the assessment criteria and guidance to judge your NEA outcome
- Check that you have prepared some notes, sketches, or other material to help with the next section of the NEA. Are you in a position to start with the next section of your NEA.
- Evaluate your design work, developing and adding to it as appropriate.
- Revise content that you feel you struggled to answer in the questions.
- How has the work of other designers, and other products, influenced your own design thinking? Use this information in your explanations and annotations.