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Grade Descriptors for GCSEs Graded 9-1: Design and Technology

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Ω	To achieve a Grade 9 candidates will be able to:	
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- work independently, with competence in all aspects of the work.
- consistently apply knowledge and understanding of materials, tools, equipment and processes in order to produce innovative design ideas and exceptional practical outcomes.
- work with flair and originality and are able to instinctively modify their work through exploration and extended research.
- respond constructively to feedback from others. They show initiative and are proficient across all disciplines.

8 To achieve a Grade 8 candidates will be able to:

- work independently in most aspects of their work.
- apply most of their technical knowledge on materials, tools, equipment and processes in order to produce a creative design that turns in to a high quality practical outcome.
- demonstrate ability to work with materials, tools and equipment with precision to produce outcomes of a very high quality.
- work well with feedback and is able to act on and give feedback to others.

7 To achieve a Grade 7 candidates will be able to:

- show they can work independently at times.
- apply knowledge and understanding of materials, tools, equipment and processes in order to produce creative and original design ideas and practical outcomes.
- show clear development in their design ideas, taking account of further research.
- demonstrate ability to work with materials, tools and equipment with accuracy to produce outcomes of a high quality.
- adapt and work within a variety of disciplines. They respond appropriately to feedback from others.

6 To achieve a Grade 6 candidates will be able to:

- work without guidance to use most of the use tools and equipment safely and accurately and can demonstrate the ability to work with different materials, tools and equipment.
- produce an original idea and a practical design.
- act on some feedback to create a high quality outcome.

5 To achieve a Grade 5 candidates will be able to:

- use tools and equipment safely and accurately with minimal guidance.
- demonstrate good understanding of materials, construction methods and processes, selecting those appropriate to the tasks in hand.
- be creative in their approach to design tasks, carrying out further research when required to inform, and advance, the development of ideas.
- produce outcomes of a good quality

4 To achieve a Grade 4 candidates will be able to:

- achieve outcomes of a good standard with limited guidance.
- work safely with tools and equipment with a level of independence require occasional prompts.
- draw upon their research to inform the development of ideas, applying some creativity to their design work.

3 To achieve a Grade 3 candidates will be able to:

- work with materials, tools and equipment with guidance.
- develop their work further with constructive feedback.
- work safely to complete a finished product.

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- 2 To achieve a Grade 2 candidates will be able to:
 - demonstrates a basic understanding of the design process with limited knowledge and understanding of the materials, tools, equipment and processes used to manufacture outcomes.
 - have an awareness of the need to apply safe working practices and with technical support are able to produce an outcome.