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Dear Parents/Guardians

The CGP Design Technology GCSE 9-1 Revision Guides are now available for collection. Please ask your son/daughter to collect his/her copy from the Finance Office. If you have not ordered a Revision Guide, please call the College as soon as possible to place an order. We are able to offer a copy to students at a reduced rate of £2.75.

- It is vital that each student has their own copy of this guide, and spends at least one hour a week studying it. This is their on-going DT homework task, even when nothing specific has been set in the lesson. (So they should never say they have no DT homework!)
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. If they come across a topic they don't understand or need clarification on, they should speak to their teacher or email them. Students can also research on the internet many of the topics referred to in the Revision Guide.
- A very good, complementary website is www.technologystudent.com. This has all the topics covered in the CGP Revision Guide, although presented in different styles, often with accompanying worksheets and example exam questions and answers.
- In Product Design we are currently focussing on Sections 3 and 4 and we will complete these sections before Christmas, so please encourage your son/daughter to focus on pages 34-56 over the next three weeks.
- In class time, as well as covering theoretical aspects, the students are experiencing and working with a range of machines, tools and materials in order to gain first-hand experience that they can then utilise in their NEA coursework – which starts in the summer term and continues into Year 11.
- Over the Christmas break students need to read and study Section Five (pages 58 – 72). This is a generic section and they will find many of the topics have been covered to greater or lesser degrees in Key Stage 3 during their modules in Graphics, Resistant Materials and Textiles.
- Students should continue to make their own revision cards or notes on all the Sections 1 – 5 in the Revision Guide.
- We will be holding a 'mock style' exam in January to assess students' understanding of the theory covered so far in Sections 1–5.

If you would like more details on any aspect of the Design Technology Product Design course, please contact Mr Nowlan or Mrs Bilzon.

Yours sincerely

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