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THE CORBET SCHOOL

Headteacher Mr P N Adams BSc Pg Dip

Dear Parent / Guardian

Design Technology: Level 2 Technical Awards in Materials Technology and Fashion and Textiles

I am writing to inform you that the above courses have not been accredited by the Department for Education. This means that The Corbet School will not be delivering these courses this year.

If your child opted to study the Level 2 Technical Award in Materials Technology or Fashion and Textiles we would like them to take the GCSE Design Technology course as an alternative.

I would like to explain why I believe the GCSE DT course would be suitable for your son/daughter.

We have planned to deliver the GCSE DT course in a very practical way so that student's knowledge and understanding of materials and processes is gained through practical investigations, working through mini projects and focussed practical tasks.

Students can follow a route through the course in their chosen material area. All students will be required to study the 'Core Technical Principles' which means they will need to have some theoretical knowledge of all material areas but this only accounts for 10% of the exam marks. The remaining 90% of the exam marks will be for questions specific to their chosen material area.

The coursework (Non-Exam Assessment) is worth 50% of the overall qualification and students will be required to design and make a prototype in their chosen material area.

All students who have opted for the Level 2 Technical Awards will remain in the same teaching groups that they are currently in so they will be taught by subject specialists i.e. textiles students will be taught by a textiles teacher and materials technology students will be taught by product design teachers.

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We would like your child to achieve their full potential and be rewarded with excellent grades after sitting their exams in 2019 and I believe the GCSE DT course will allow the students to achieve this by engaging them with interesting projects and testing their subject knowledge through sitting a rigorous exam.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Lewis
Head of Design Technology