Year 8 Subject: Design and Technology

| Unit of work & brief outline of what will be covered. | Key Objectives – what will students learn | Assessment |
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| Energy and Electronics Design & Technical Knowledge Focus Students will develop an understanding of input and output components in electronic circuits, before using these to produce and troubleshoot a product containing a circuit which includes sensors. | Understand how sensors can be used to detect heat, sounds, light and movement and in what these would be used Understand and apply a range of planning tools when designing, considering cost and timescales. Develop an understanding of products through life cycle analysis | Assessment is ongoing throughout the unit with a focus on two key assessment pieces; the manufacturing specification and practical work. |
| Students will consider a wide range of energy sources, considering the social and environmental costs of these. | | |
| Catering for Need Making& Technical Knowledge Focus Students will develop a deeper understanding a healthy diet as depicted in The Eatwell Guide, adapting recipes to improve their nutritional value. | Understand how to taste and cook a broader range of ingredients and healthy recipes, accounting for a range of needs, wants and values Recognise a range of different dietary needs and how to adapt recipes to meet these needs Recognise how to modify recipes to improve their nutritional values and improve their sensory features. | Assessment is ongoing throughout the unit with a focus on two key assessment pieces; a redesign of a bread product considering nutrition and sensory values and sensory testing and evaluation. |
| Students will develop an awareness of how to store, prepare and cook food safely and hygienically using a broad range of skills to prepare a range of sweet and savoury dishes | Know how to adapt and use their own recipes. Develop an understanding of food provenance and how our food choices have an environmental impact. | |
| Design for Sustainability Design and Making Focus Students will develop a broader understanding of the impacts that our manufacture, consumption and disposal of products has on the wider world Students will consider the impact of the textile industry before designing and making a product that aims to use waste material. | Understand and develop the knowledge to evaluate the positive and negative impacts that products can have on the wider world Understand the properties of a range of materials and consider these when selecting materials for their own use Know how to adjust sewing machines to produce a range of techniques both functional and decorative Recognise the positive and negative impact that products can have on the wider world | Assessment is ongoing throughout the unit with a focus on students developed ideas and practical outcomes. |