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### ***Embracing Challenge***

#### **BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

#### **THE D&T Department**

##### ***Department Ethos***

The D&T department is characterised by its passion and enthusiasm for our subject areas and our desire to enable all students to achieve their full potential. We enjoy a strong sense of department collaboration and also have excellent working relationship with staff from other departments both at our school and at others.

The department's main aim is to achieve the highest possible standards for all of our students and our priority is for students to be self-motivated and confident learners who are not afraid of making mistakes. We hope that students will both enjoy and be proud of their work in D&T and strive to ensure that our curriculum offers a rich and diverse range of learning experiences.

The D&T Department is a popular and academically successful department achieving excellent Key Stage 3 results, over 97% A\*- C GCSE results and over 95% A\*-C A Level pass rate.

##### ***Department Accommodation & Staffing***

The D&T Department is housed has three specialist classrooms and its own ICT area. The department is well resourced with a variety of equipment including a laser cutter, two plotter cutters and two 3D printers.

##### ***D&T Teaching***

All students in KS3 [Y7&8] follow the National Curriculum for D&T. All students are taught in mixed ability.

At GCSE [Y9-11] we currently follow the EDEXCEL course, with the all students taking Product Design.

D&T at A level is well supported by the school and whilst group numbers are small, the Head allows the course to run often with less than 10 students. Students follow the EDEXCEL course.

A programme of able, gifted and talented activities exists across the age range as part of our aim to inspire and extend all abilities.

##### ***Extra-Curricular***

Our belief is that engaging students is key to sustainable success as a department and as such we seek to provide extra-curricular opportunities for students to engage with as well as local and national competitions.