

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Design and Technology Department

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Subject: Support available for Entry Level Design and Technology

R364 ENTRY LEVEL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORT AVAILABILITY

The new entry level certificate in Design Technology has been available for first teaching from September 2010. It is designed to replace the legacy suite of Design and Technology, specifically 3961 Graphic Products, 3962 Resistant Materials and 3964 Textiles Technology. In addition to these material areas, the new specification also allows for the following ones to be pursued:

- Electronics
- Industrial Technology

The new specification has a single moderated unit for assessment. Candidates choose one material area to pursue for their coursework. For each material area, they are provided with a variety of themes to choose from. Using their chosen theme, students then choose one task. There are several suggested tasks that they can pursue. Alternatively, depending on centre resources and student interest, they can devise their own task for one of the themes in the specification. All details can be found in the specification.

To assist centres in getting to grips with the new specification, OCR provides a variety of support for teachers. These include a Teacher's Handbook, an INSET programme and writing frames (templates). Reports to Centres will also be available from September 2011. Further details and files can be found on the following R364 webpage:

http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/el_2010/dt/dt/documents/index.html

Coursework consultancy is also available. Any enquiries or requests for it can be made to the Customer Contact Centre.

The legacy entry level specifications in Design and Technology will be available for last entry in June 2011. As such, centres have the choice of entering candidates for either (or both) legacy and new specifications this year.

Please note that Food Technology is not part of this new specification. The replacement for the legacy 3960 Food Technology is R357 Food Studies. Please see the OCR website for further details.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.