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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to seek your input/opinion on a change to your child's GCSE Design and Technology option. The Design and Technology department have been reviewing the current GCSE that we offer and have found an alternative course which we think will be better suited and more enjoyable for our students.

Your child is currently completing **GCSE Design and Technology** under the Eduqas exam board. We have followed this GCSE since a change to how technology subjects should be delivered, and it is assessed on a coursework project (50%) and a 2-hour written examination (50%).

Our proposal is that we change to **GCSE Art & Design: Product design** following the AQA exam board, where the course is taught in 3 units over 2 years and includes a practical exam in Year 11 with no written examination. The new GCSE will still cover the material content that we currently do exploring woods, metals, plastics, boards, graphics, CAD/CAM and electronic systems, and **the work your child has completed so far will go towards this.** The main difference will be that there is no written exam in year 11 and it is instead replaced with a practical exam.

I would very much like to hear any thoughts on this change, [please click on this link to have your say](#). I will then review feedback and plan accordingly. Please send any questions to myself g.evans@passmoresacademy.com by Friday 11th November as we are keen to make the change as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mrs G Evans
Head of Technology