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DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION MATERIAL

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As you will embark on your A level in Design & Technology this coming September, we feel there are some key things which you should do to support your course.

Transition Task:

For a Transition Task, we would like you to investigate the work of a designer of your choice, and to create the **design of a chess piece in the style of this designer**. These will be collected in at the start of term.

Options of designers:

- a) Arts and Crafts – William Morris
- b) Art Nouveau – Charles Rennie Mackintosh
- c) Bauhaus Modernist – Marianne Brandt
- d) Art Deco – Eileen Gray
- e) Post Modernism – Philippe Starck
- f) Streamlining – Raymond Lowey
- g) Memphis – Ettore Sottsass.

Style of work: The work should be presented on A4 or A3, or even in a sketchbook. Start with a range of sketches and lead to a final design. The final design will need to be a minimum of A4.

Equipment:

- Good drawing pencils, rubber, sharpener.
- Windsor & Newton ProMarker pens are excellent – A range of Greys and some colours would be a help, a Marker Pad to go with them.

Textbooks:

The A level course has a new Textbook which we will supply you to borrow for the duration of the course in September. Therefore, you do not need to purchase this. However, there are many design books which are helpful in supporting your development as a young designer. You are not expected to buy all of these, but perhaps one might address your concerns/key area of development?

- Sketching: Drawing Techniques for Product Designers

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Sept. 2019 by Roselien Steur

- Furniture: Furniture That Transforms Space Hardcover

23 Feb. 2015 by Anna Yudina

Initial topics:

- Newspaper articles

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