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RE: Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology Course (0009-23MLE)

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a change in your child's GCSE Design and Technology course. We continually review the appropriateness of courses and as a consequence have chosen to move to a new exam board and course. Your child will now be completing Edexcel GCSE Design and Technology, for the reasons outlined below:

- Better communication and support from the exam board to help support your child over the next two years
- The Edexcel exam will be more specifically focused on the content your child has covered in their DT lessons, giving them higher chances of success
- A shorter exam, at 1 hour 45 minutes as opposed to 2 hours
- The NEA component weights are 78% practical compared to the previous 40% giving pupils a better chance of reaching the higher grades

Overall, we feel that this change will allow your child to reach their full potential and increase their options in further education.

Should you have any comments or concerns, please contact Miss Leighton via email mleighton@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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