Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to inform you that we have invested in the Dynamic Learning Package for Design & Technology GCSE:

(https://my.dynamic-learning.co.uk/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fMyDynamicLearning.aspx)

This should further enhance the quality of Design & Technology provision at Sybil Andrews Academy. I am extremely excited about the possibilities this will bring to enable pupils to make further progress in Design & Technology and embed key study skills.

The Dynamic Learning Programme is designed to offer revision aids and tests to support students' independent learning outside of the classroom. This is through revision items, a digital copy of an approved GCSE revision textbook and lesson PowerPoints which focus on the knowledge and skills required for the new GCSE Design & Technology specification. Teachers will be able to personalise homework tasks so that individual students or groups can focus on the specific skills they need in order to make progress (although all areas are accessible to students).

Students and teachers will be able to monitor progress through the online record of completed tasks and the level of success in each task. Students can, and are encouraged to, also complete additional tasks without being directed by the teacher so they can revisit any topic they have studied for further practice or extension work.

All students will be set homework tasks using Dynamic Learning, in addition to working on their GCSE NEA (Non Exam Assessment). Each homework task assigned will involve revision and the resources are available on the programme. Students are expected to recap unit work prior to attempting the tasks. This will generate instant result so students can check their own work and revisit questions as appropriate (via the revision guide links to tests). Homework topics will be selected to enable students to revisit or extend topics, thus reinforcing key knowledge and skills in preparation for the exam.

The time that students spend on Dynamic Learning is logged and will be rewarded by hard work and effort with prizes.

The Dynamic Learning website can be easily accessed on all devices; PC, tablet or smartphone, and students are welcome to use the Academy's computers before school or during homework. Each student will have a personal log in (their school computer log on) and an initial password of: password. Your child's D&T teacher will demonstrate how to use the programme during lessons.

If you have any questions or would like further information on the system please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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