



# Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have decided to change the **GCSE AQA Product Design specification to the OCR Cambridge National in Engineering Design**. However please be assured that topics taught this year cross over directly within both specifications.

The reason for this change is due to grade boundaries rising and the coursework and exam content remaining challenging with the AQA board, therefore a switch to Engineering Design will give our pupils a better opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Engineering Design also allows pupils to focus more on the creativity and practical aspects which contributes towards 50% of their final grade. Given the practical ability of our cohort we believe this will lead to more success when sitting their exams.

For more information on the OCR Cambridge National in Engineering Design specification please go to <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/engineering-design-level-1-2-j822/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school on [kma@sjcs.org.uk](mailto:kma@sjcs.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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