



### AS Pre-Course Study Essay

Product design is an important factor in the life of any product currently available today. To be successful at AS and A2 product design you will need to show an interest in current designs and in design influences.

The following two tasks will help you develop these interests and skills.

1. Write a 1500 word essay based on the design influences that will inspire you throughout your GCE studies. (Note: This about the influences that inspire you, it should be on A4 paper and written by hand, you can include pictures to help).
2. Select one product which you currently own and evaluate that product for materials and manufacturing processes, you are to then select one alternative for the materials and the manufacturing processes used. (Note: You are to justify your alternative selection against material properties and advantages of the new manufacturing process).