

IGCSE Design and Technology (0445) Frequently Asked Questions

Do Students have to base their design projects on their chosen option?

Student's projects should be centred on the chosen option in part 2 of the syllabus.

When should the project work be done?

It is recommended that students should not undertake the project work until the final year of the two year course as the option material will probably not have been covered before then. It is expected that the work should take about two terms.

Should we use photographic evidence when submitting projects?

Photographic evidence of the finished product should be submitted along with all other evidence. The photographs will need to be clear and in some cases the teacher may want to take more than one view of the product. Note that artefacts and/or models should not be sent through the post to CIE.

Can students take all of the options available?

No, a student can not take all of the options in one session and the assessment timetable has been set up to avoid this. A student would not be able to cover the skills and content involved in the three different options; Communication, Realisation or Technology adequately. This would also detrimentally effect the student's performance in the design project.

Are there any recommended coursebooks?

It is difficult to endorse textbooks that have not been written especially for the IGCSE course and then continually updated. However, there are a few books that teachers may find useful and these can be found on our [website](http://www.cie.org.uk) (www.cie.org.uk).

How many marks does a student have to score to get a C grade?

This depends upon the difficulty of the question papers in the session that the candidate sits the examination. Every session the statistical evidence, coupled with the Principal Examiner's recommendations and centre forecast grades, are considered for each question paper. Therefore the actual raw mark can vary but it is usually around 45-55 % of the raw mark, while an 'A' grade would be in the range of 65-75 %.