We have developed an exciting programme of CPD events to support secondary schools prepare for the new single D&T GCSEs with confidence.

Support #DandTHeroes
Join our social media campaign to promote and celebrate the value of design in our everyday lives and its impact on industry and society.

Upload a picture of your favourite product, person or design – from industrial design to architecture, engineering to creative technologies – to Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, using the #DandTHeroes hashtag.

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Stay at the forefront of developments...

Be part of our thriving D&T community

We are the only organisation representing Design and Technology, one of the most challenging and constantly evolving subjects taught in schools today. With the introduction of the new GCSE, the D&T Association is committed to supporting you with the tools, knowledge and information to teach this inspiring, rigorous and practical subject in line with the changes.

The Association is vital to the future existence and development of D&T.

Departmental Membership

A membership package supporting your whole D&T department.

D&T teachers across all levels and specialisms in Design and Technology: Education: Once a primary school is made a member school, all the D&T teachers in that school become automatically members of the Association.

We provide expert support, guidance, CPD, teaching resources and in addition you will receive two copies of D&T Practice and Designing magazine each term. We are focusing new benefits on departmental membership because we believe it is the whole department that needs to be informed and supported.

Convert your individual membership to Departmental, and use your school CPD budget to pay.

Self-Review Framework

Vital tool for every D&T department.

Review your Department

Get to know how your departments effectiveness using our Self-Review Framework free to departmental members.

Personalise Your login

Personalise your member area on the website to allow us to present you with the information most relevant to you and your teaching.

D&T TV

Log into our D&T video channel dedicated to D&T. Access a wide range of D&T related video content.

Discounted Member Rates

Members receive CPD and many resources at discounted rates, including many free products on our website to help you plan and teach.

D&T Key Resources:

A bank of activities for KS3

A bank of resources for different aspects of D&T. It contains 45 units of work on introducing lengths and carrying out sketch and design activities for early, mid and late KS3 in Product Design, Systems & Control, Food and Textiles covering:

- Planning, designing
- Making and testing
- Design and make
- Technology in society

These resources are available as individual units, sets covering each focus area or as a whole bank and are aimed at helping teachers to plan their schemes of work from craft-based focused projects towards planning D&T learning units that focus on students learning in D&T. The included resources should be seen as ‘starter’ materials for schools to adapt for their own use. To find out more please log onto www.data.org.uk under Resource Shop.

Resources to support teaching of the new GCSEs

Our website has over 300 resources to help support D&T teaching.

Many items are free to our members. We also stock books, CDs, DVDs and video covering all aspects of Design and Technology, new and emerging technologies.

Secondary Subject Leaders’ Files

Offering half D&T Subject Leader support

Members – £19.00 Non-members – £23.75

Individual items also available separately.

The effectiveness of the subject leader is pivotal in the effectiveness of a subject in any school. This file covers a number of different areas that are subject leader must manage, including: Education policy and the impact on D&T, Leadership vision, mission and policy, Managing standards, the D&T curriculum, teaching and learning, Managing the D&T team and learning environment.

Iterative Designing in Action

Critical to students’ understanding of the process of good design

Members – £25.00 Non-members – £28.12

A flexible collection of CPD resources to support key aspects of the new D&T curriculum. Can be used in a range of different CPD circumstances, from self-study to departmental and area meetings, over a five year term.

Design Waves

Members – £2.99

Non-members – £3.49

Background knowledge for KS4/5 of different design movements, the context from which they emerged, examples of their output, and how the influences they had on design and movements in the 20th and 21st Centuries. Each also includes suggestions for further activities based on each movement’s features.