

# A-Level Product Design – Larkmead School – Transition Work

As part of the A-Level product design course you will be required to produce a portfolio of design work and a practical solution to solve a need. This coursework will be worth 50% of your A-Level.

During Year 12 you will produce a practice coursework and will need to carry out research to solve a need.

## **The context for the practice Y12 coursework is as follows:**

Many people require tables in their homes, however some tables are designed to solve specific individual needs.

You will need to find a real client need and produce a small table solution to improve the everyday life of your user.

### **Transition Task:**

- Find a client – you will need to find a client. This will need to be a real person who you will have access to throughout the coursework project, such as a family member. You will be designing a small table for them so you will need to discuss with them what type of table they would like and what needs it will be solving such as: Games table, bedside table, outdoor coffee table etc..
- Find an existing product for disassembly – You will need to obtain an existing product that you can take apart and photograph. This will make up part of your practical investigation research and is vital that you have photographs of the product and disassembly including: materials that are used, how it is assembled/manufactured, any ergonomic features such as handles etc. You will need to bring these photographs in with you saved on a memory stick, or emailed to your school account when we return in September.
- Initial design work – Begin creating some initial designs and discuss these with your client, ask them which they like best and why, inform them of materials, sizes, costs etc..

**All of this material should be documented and needs to be completed and brought in with you when we return in September.**

