Curriculum information for Technology Graphics Year 10

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA Design & Technology 9-1 (Specialism Paper & Boards)
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	Paper & boards project – Animal Head (HT1), timbers project – automaton (HT2), metals project – operation game (HT3), plastics project – earphone holder & packaging (HT4), textiles project – screen printing (HT5), NEA (HT6). During Year 10 the focus is on the core knowledge needed for the written exam in Year 11. The practical work enforces the theory that is taught in lessons and will enable students to gain an independence when making.
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	At the end of every half term, the students undertake a topic test of the knowledge that they have covered. This gives the students an opportunity to recall and apply what they have learnt. They are also learning how to access exam questions which will later support them during their mocks and final exam in Year 11.
What should students be focusing on?	Students should focus on the knowledge and information that is taught in lesson. They will be given many revision resources to help them retain the information. This could be in the form of a quick quiz on Microsoft Teams or as a knowledge organiser that they have created in lesson.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	Parents can support their son/daughter by encouraging them to watch videos or use the websites below when they are completing homework, coursework, or revision. Attend the curriculum/parents 'evenings during the year to gain a better understanding of their son/daughter's progress.
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	Buy a Design & Technology – Paper & Boards Pack on Parent Pay Shop. This includes a revision guide, stationery, and pencil case that they can use during lesson, for their coursework and during their exam. The pack also includes all the folders that they will need for their classwork, revision, and coursework. http://www.technologystudent.com/ - covers all the key knowledge needed for the exam and there is also guidance for the students when completing their coursework. https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm - a fantastic resource that is tailored to the exam boards specification. Here you can revise the key information, watch videos to motivate students and there are quick tests at the end to ensure that the information has been understood. http://app.gojimo.co/product/e8a61fda-74c7-4be5-a63b-a7fb3b50f72a - Gojimo is an app that has many tests that can be completed on the go. It only has a section for Resistant Materials, but it still has lots of information that is transferable to Graphics. GCSE Design & Technology (Pocket Poster App) – this is a free app that has many posters that condenses the information into easy and memorable chunks. This is perfect for visual learners.
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	The practical projects are enjoyable to make. There is a good mix between theory and practical. Make sure you revise for your topic test!