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| DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY Resistant materials  | **Curriculum Team Vision** |
| At OMA we believe education is for everyone, that all students irrespective of their backgrounds, will be exceptional pupils, so they are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, qualifications, and mind-set to contribute positively to society.   Everything we do in the vocational faculty is aimed at providing an ambitious and challenging curriculum which inspires, motivates, and exploits the limitless potential of all our students. This will be achieved by us ‘*being inspired by the past - creating excellence in the present- by embracing the future’.*    Our long-term aim is to produce thinking, adaptable adults capable of taking his / her place in a changing technological society. We strive to create distinctive and dynamic partnerships between students and the world or work, forging active relationship with industry-based external training providers and employers.    The vocational curriculum seeks to promote an educational culture which is scientific, technological, creative, healthy, and entrepreneurial within the framework of the school and national curriculum. In addition, our faculty aims to provide the excellent practical technological, scientific, and holistic communication skills needed by our manufacturing and service industries within the UK and global markets. Thus, ensuring that our students will be well-educated and skilled, ready, and able to progress into employment, further training, or higher education according to their individual aptitudes and ambitions.    The faculty will be truly cross-curricular and will use aspects of many subjects to aid the students when developing innovative ideas and solving problems individually or as a team. The only boundary to making an impact in the future is our ‘*imagination*’ and our ability to ‘*engineer’* the solutions that could affect peoples’ lives. Students arrive and leave our faculty with a sense of wonder in learning…. that they will carry with them for a lifetime.   **Pupils should be taught to:**  **Across KS3 (Years 7 – 9) pupils should:** • Work confidently within a range of relevant domestic, local, and industrial contexts, such as the home, health, leisure, culture, engineering, manufacturing, construction, food, energy, agriculture, and fashion • Consider the influence of a range of lifestyle factors and consumer choices when designing products • Take creative risks when making design decisions • Consider additional factors such as ergonomics, anthropometrics  • Analyse where human values may conflict, and compromise must be achieved • Develop design specifications that include a wider range of requirements such as environmental, aesthetic, cost, maintenance, quality, and safety • Research the health and wellbeing, cultural, religious, and socio-economic contexts of their intended users • Understand how to reformulate design problems given to them products that respond to needs in a variety of situations • Combine ideas from a variety of sources • Use a variety of approaches, for example biomimicry and user-centred design, to generate creative ideas and avoid stereotypical responses • Decide which design criteria clash and determine which should take priority • Develop and communicate design ideas using annotated sketches • Produce 3D models to develop and communicate ideas, use 3D CAD to model, develop and present their ideas • Use CAD and related software packages to validate their designs in advance of manufacture • Use mathematical modelling to indicate likely performance before using physical materials and components, for instance when developing circuits or gearing systems • Give oral and digital presentations and use computer-based tools • Select appropriately from specialist tools, techniques, processes, equipment, and machinery, including computer-aided manufacture • Select appropriately from a wider, more complex range of materials, components, considering their properties such as water resistance and stiffness follow procedures for safety and hygiene and understand the process of risk assessment • Use a wider, more complex range of materials and components, considering their properties • Use a broad range of manufacturing techniques including handcraft skills and machinery to manufacture products precisely • Exploit the use of CAD/CAM equipment to manufacture products, increasing standards of quality, scale of production and precision • Apply a range of finishing techniques, including those from art and design to a broad range of materials including textiles, metals, polymers, and woods • Select appropriate methods to evaluate their products in use and modify them to improve performance • produce short reports, making suggestions for improvements • Products that they are less familiar with using themselves • Products considering life cycle analysis • How products can be developed considering the concept of ‘cradle to grave’ • the concept of circular economy approaches in relation to product development and consumption how to adjust the settings of equipment and machinery such as sewing machines and drilling machines • Understand the properties of materials, including smart materials, and how they can be used to advantage • Understand the performance of structural elements to achieve functioning solutions  ***YEAR 7: DESIGN BRIEF***  The RSPB would like you to produce a bird house for small garden birds. Using different materials, you will need to design a bird house that is creative and imaginative, from a stock form. You must also consider the environment and use natural materials to enhance the design. ***YEAR 8: DESIGN BRIEF*** The Model Yacht association has asked for you to design a recycled model sailing boat. Using a variety of materials and processes you need to design and create a model sailing boat. You must be creative in your design stage and use research to aid your final product. The purpose of the challenge is to create a model sailing boat from recycled material which is able to float and sail on water. ***Year 9: DESIGN BRIEF***The engineering trainees have been asked to produce a sample box, demonstrating a range of skills and techniques in engineering. The trainees must demonstrate they are competent with the materials of ‘wood’, ‘metals’ & ‘plastics’. The trainees must also show they can work with hand tools, machines and CAD/ CAM  |
| **Where can studying design & Technology take you? Click on the link below:** |

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| Subject: RM Year 7 Curriculum Map 2025-2026 |
| Terms | **Topics covered** and **core knowledge and skills** | Links to careers | Links to the Knowledge organiser and other additional resources |
| Half term 1 | *To develop your knowledge of applying a ‘Design Brief’ to a customer profile*. *I can identify, mark out and prepare a ‘Lap Joint’* *To apply ACCESSFM to produce a product specification* *I can use sharp edge tools to prepare a ‘Lap Joint’**I can use metric and imperial measurements* *I can use sharp edge tools to prepare and drill a ‘Hole’* | <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/><https://www.goconstruct.org/construction-careers/what-jobs-are-right-for-me/carpenter/><https://uk.indeed.com/career-advice/finding-a-job/how-to-become-a-carpenter><https://www.thebalancecareers.com/carpenter-career-description-525993> | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/meet-artist-ks3/zkh8qp3> |
| Half term 2 | *I can identify a range of natural and manufactured materials in RM.**I can measure and cut with accuracy, using a plan.**I can explain the impact of ecological and environmental issues.* *I can assemble a product within tolerance.**I can plan the making process.* *I can evaluate a product.*  |