

Year 8 Design & Technology: Independent projects

You should conduct an Independent research project on the work of Marcel Breuer. Your project may take the form of a booklet, a powerpoint presentation, a stop frame animation or a film that you have created. choose which method you think you would be able to produce to the best quality given your available resources.

Your presentation should include:

- Information regarding Marcel Breuer's background. (How did he get into design?
 Did he have a particularly interesting upbringing?) You may use the information
 to the right to help get you started, but you should look to find further
 information of your own.)
- A selection of the work that Marcel Breuer is most well known for. (This should include at least 3 or 4 images, these could be photographs or your own drawings)
- Your own descriptions and opinions of the work that Marcel Breuer has created. (Does Marcel Breuer's work remind you of anything that you have seen before? Does it follow a particular trend or design movement? What setting do you think his products would fit with?)
- Some design ideas (At least 4) for creating your own furniture range inspired by Marcel Breuer. This might consist of: Chairs, sofas, tables, shelving units. Your designs should be clear and using isometric projection where possible. You should fully annotate your designs to make them clear in how they have been influenced by Marcel Breuer.
- A final design/ product on minimum of A4 paper (Preferably larger if available) which shows your design influenced by the work of Marcel Breuer.
- A model of your design using recycled materials such as empty packaging containers, cardboard or plastercene.

Marcel Breuer



Today, Marcel Breuer is regarded as one of the most important modernists in architecture and design. His furniture productions remain as influential and popular today as ever before, and continue to be mass-produced by esteemed manufacturers such as the Knoll Group. Breuer's most famous chair, the "Wassily," in the words of New York Times journalist Maura Egan, is a manifestation of "modernism's faith in technology, convenience, and the promise of a better life." Breuer's continual interest in the possibilities of new materials and technologies and the reexamination of trends in architectural practice also mark him as an important practitioner of modernist theory.



Year 8 Design & Technology: Extension Activity

Below there are 8 different design tasks. Each of them works towards finding a design based solution for a very real and current crisis that we are currently facing as a country. At this time, there are lots of designers and engineers pulling together to think of new ways to support the NHS in their mission to help as many people suffering from corona virus as possible. Can you use your creativity and design skills to respond to one (Or as many as you like) of the below contexts? Remember to send photos of written/drawn or digital work into your teacher so that we can share your excellent work on our school website, and give you the credit and feedback that you deserve. (Mrs Gilbank@stgcc.co.uk Mr Kerslake: mkerslake@stgcc.co.uk)

- 1. Many people are living in isolation, this can be a lonely time for some. Design a way to make people <u>feel</u> connected. (This could take the form of an idea for an App, a social distancing game that can be played over the phone, a physical product or anything else that you can think of.)
- 2. Covid-19 and other viruses are often spread through poor hygiene, design a way to encourage people to keep their hands clean. (This could be in the form of a physical product or in a graphic design based fashion)
- 3. Many people are currently social distancing from others to stop the spread of Covid-19. Design a product to keep people at a distance when out and about.
- 4. With sports clubs, gyms, swimming pools and other active areas now closed, Design a way for people to stay active indoors.
- 5. The surgical face mask, although serves a purpose, doesn't go with many outfits. Re-design this mask for a client of your choice. It should be practical and functional as well as aesthetically pleasing.
- 6. Hand washing is the best defense for the spread of germs. How can the process of hand washing be improved?
- 7. If you are very ill and in bed, you often can't get up and move very far. Design a way to keep all the things you need close by when you are ill, e.g. water, tv, books, phone, tissues, medication etc.
- 8. Pets are not used to having their humans around the house so much, some pets love it other pets hate it! Design a way to keep a pet entertained and distracted while the humans have to work.