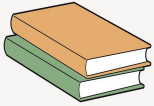


Spring Term 2024 Update

I am sure this is dropping into your inbox when you are elbow deep in NEA making. I wish you all well with this and remind you that it isn't just the product but the process that is being assessed. A good tip is to encourage your students to record in every lesson what they have done, decided, chosen and most importantly **why**. I recommend a "making diary", where they can draw, write and record their own lesson target and progress (or not!). I use this as a starter and plenary task. It is also useful to get your year 10 developing this habit early too.



A new book I am excited to read when it is published in a few weeks is [Design and Technology in your school - Principles for Curriculum Pedagogy](#). By HildaRuth Beaumont and Torben Steeg. I am looking forward to discussing this and current issues in D&T with Hildaruth Beaumont soon.

Talking
D&T

Do you listen to the talking D&T podcast? I really recommend you add it to your playlist. [Especially this episode!](#)(I'm in it)

I met with Kate Finlay recently regarding the [Big D&T meet up](#). I am going to be presenting "Building your D&T Philosophy". It is going to be a great opportunity to be in the same space as the wider D&T community so I really encourage you to sign up yourself and your team.



Finally, best of luck to you all with the remaining NEA lessons and the subsequent marking and moderating. I am able to offer a free half hour call which will benefit any colleagues who don't feel confident about this process. I look forward to hearing from you.
Joanne Taylor