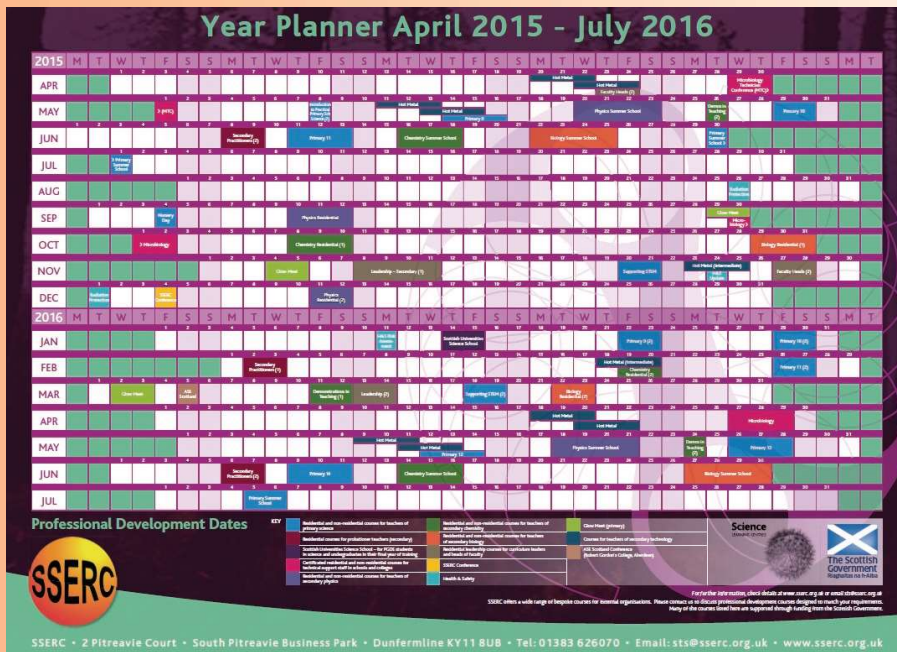


What's new?

We are delighted to report that SSERC has received an offer of funding from the Scottish Government to support professional development activities across the primary and secondary sectors.

Consequently, and as in previous years, this has allowed us to publish a 'year planner' to the end of June 2016. Copies of the planner have recently been sent to schools throughout Scotland. As we add new courses the planner will be updated and it can be accessed on the SSERC website.

Further copies of the 'year planner' can be requested - email us at sts@sserc.org.uk.



Advanced Higher Design & Manufacture project assessment announced

Details of the new CfE course structure have been announced at recent SQA subject implication events and led to changes in the way senior students' work will be completed and assessed. The new qualification will be a 120 mark project (worth 60% of the total marks available). The new project assessment is now also restricted to just 20 A3 pages and will be set, conducted, marked by classroom teachers and then internally verified in presenting schools.

This is a change from the old Advanced Higher Product Design Extended Case Study where there was

no page response limits and it was not uncommon to see student entries contain over 100 A3 pages. Marking was also previously conducted centrally. The second component of course assessment is the traditional exam paper which is now worth 80 marks (40% of the total marks available) and must also be completed in 2 hours. The new Design & Manufacture course is introduced from August 2015.

For more details go to <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/48468.html>.