

Innovators in Design Technology

Year 1

Materials/Textiles - Coco Chanel



Trailblazer

Born: France, 1883

Died: France, 1971

- Created the fashion house Chanel
- Known for creating the little black dress (LBD)

Construction – Henry Ford



Trailblazer

Born: USA, 1863

Died: USA, 1947

- Founder of Ford
- Created the first mass-produced car many people could buy

Food – Nadiya Hussain



Contemporary icon

Born: Luton, UK 1983

- Self-taught baker from YouTube videos
- Suffered from panic disorder
- Won Great British Bake Off in 2015

Year 2

Materials/Textiles – Frida Kahlo



Trailblazer/Contemporary Icon

Born: Mexico, 1907

Died: Mexico, 1954

- Famous designer and painter
- Known for her use colour and persona flair

Mechanics – BAE Systems



Local Hero

Founded 1999

- Makes military and naval vehicles
- One of the world's largest defence companies
- Offices in Samlesbury, Wharton

Food – Joe Wicks



Contemporary Icon

Born: Surrey, UK, 1985

- Joe Wicks, aka The Body Coach, is one of Britain's favourite healthy cook and fitness sensations
- Wanted to help children get fit and became particularly famous during the Covid pandemic

Year 3

Construction – Norman Foster



Local Hero

Born: Stockport, UK 1935

- Architect, studied at University of Manchester
- Designed Wembley Stadium, 30 St Mary Axe (The Gherkin) and Reichstag Building

Mechanics – Robert Sabuda



Contemporary icon

Born: USA, 1965

- Famous for Pop- Up Books
- Created books for: Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of OZ, Beauty and the Beast

Food – Warburtons



Local Hero

Founded: 1876, Bolton

- Bakery founded in Bolton.
- Family owned bakery in Lancashire.
- Employs 4,500 people across the UK.

Year 4

Electronics – Elon Musk



Contemporary icon

Born: South Africa, 1971

- Founder of Tesla Car Company
- Electric Vehicle and Clean Energy Company
- Also created SpaceX to colonise Mars

Food – Nigel Haworth



Local Hero

Born: Whalley,

- Michelin Star chef in 1996
- Won Great British Menu 2009
- Made food for BRFC from 2001 - 2019

Materials/Textiles – Paul Smith



Contemporary Icon

Born: Nottingham, UK 1946

- Opened shop in 1970
- Famous for tailored suits and signature striped pattern.

Year 5

Materials/Textiles – The Blackburn Weavers



Local Hero

- During Industrial Revolution Blackburn became 'Weaving Capital of the world'.
- Blackburn weaved and sold cotton across the world.
- Famous for blue and white check pattern.

Food – Stir Fry



Contemporary Icon

Born: USA, 1949

- Specialising in Chinese cuisine
- 'Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery' book sold 1.5 millions copies
- Presenter for the BBC

Mechanics – Louis Marx



Trailblazer

Born: New York, 1896

Died: New York, 1982

- Toy Maker
- Developed mass production and distribution of toys

Year 6

Electronics – Hedy Lamarr



Trailblazer

Born: Austria, 1914

Died: USA, 2000

- Famous Hollywood Film Actress
- Invented FHSS intended for Torpedo Guidance and communication during WW2.
- Technology fundamental to GPS, WiFi and Bluetooth

Food – Antonio Carluccio



Trailblazer

Born: Italy, 1937

Died: London, 2017

- Italian chef and food expert.
- Founder of Carluccio's restaurant chain.
- Written many cook books.

Construction – Zaha Hadid



Contemporary Icon

Born: Iraq, 1950

Died: Miami, 2016

- Architect and designer
- Designed London Aquatics Centre, On Thousand Museum, Generali Tower
- Known as 'Queen of the Curve' for distinctive style.