

**Data** – any information which is in a spreadsheet or database

**Database** – a program which links together information which can then be searched

**Datum** – a flat face or straight edge from which all measurements are taken

**Deciduous** – tree which loses its leaves in winter; broad leafed

**Deforming** – a process that allows materials to change shape without changing state eg. Vacuum forming

**Design brief** – a short statement about what is needed, who it is for, and any constraints

**Design processes** – stages in putting your thoughts in to a structure

**Designer** – the person who devises what the product will be like

**Designing** – thinking of and developing ideas

**Die stock** – a tool used to hold a split die

**Digital camera** – a camera which takes pictures which are stored in digital form

**Digital signal** – a signal which has two states on or off

**Dimension** – a add measurements to drawings

**Diode** – a device which passes current in one direction

**Disassembly** – taking things to pieces

**Dovetail** – a type of woodworking joint

**Download** – to send information to your computer from the internet or cameras etc

**Draft angle** – an angle which helps the pattern to release from the vacuum form

**Drive belts** – soft rubber or plastic materials used with pulleys

**Ductile** – of a material, capable of being drawn or stretched into thinner, smaller sections

**Durability** – The ability of a material to withstand wear, pressure or damage

**Dye** – a chemical colour

**Dynamic** – a changing load