# Template letter for writing to/emailing your local MP

[Your address]

[MP’s name

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

Postcode]

[Date]

Dear [MP’s name],

**Designed and Made in Britain…?**

**– the future of Design and Technology education in English schools**

I am writing to you in my capacity as a [Please delete as appropriate: headteacher / Design and Technology teacher / governor / employer / ….] to make you aware of my serious concerns about the future of Design and Technology education in schools.

In 1989 England and Wales were the first countries in the world to make Design and Technology (D&T) a compulsory subject for all pupils from ages 5 to 16. D&T education in the UK is still seen as world –leading and other counties look to emulate us.

However, D&T is under severe threat in many schools. There are critical teacher shortages, GCSE numbers are declining and accountability measures prioritise other subjects, all of which are contributing to the marginalisation of the subject in many schools.   
[Teachers – please make the above paragraph specific to the situation in your school].

To raise awareness of these issues, and to suggest solutions, the Design and Technology Association has launched a campaign entitled ‘Designed and Made in Britain…?’ which shows the important contribution that D&T makes to the education of all young people and, ultimately, to the UK economy. [Please delete as appropriate: I have attached a pdf/print out of their campaign booklet / Please go to www.data.org.uk/campaign] which describes both the issues and what they, and I, believe needs to be done to address them.

I would very much like [delete and/or combine the following as appropriate:

to meet you to discuss this matter further

to invite you to join and support the campaign by visiting www.data.org.uk/campaign

to invite you to visit my school, to see the benefits of D&T education and to discuss these issues further

you to raise these issues with the Secretary of State].

You can contact me at [email] or [telephone]. Thank you for your help with this matter and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

[Your name]