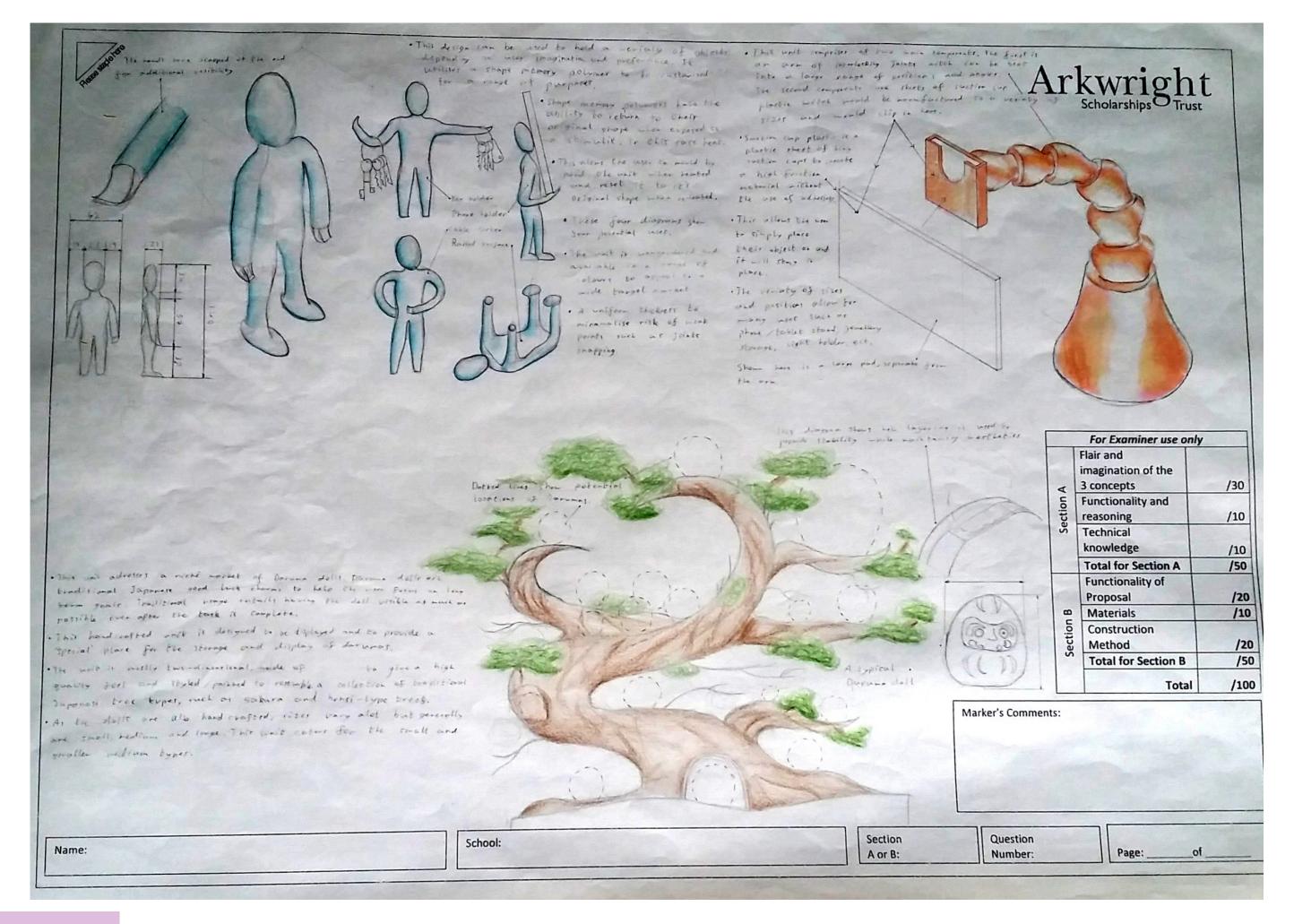
Arkwright: 'Hold, Store, Display' Brief

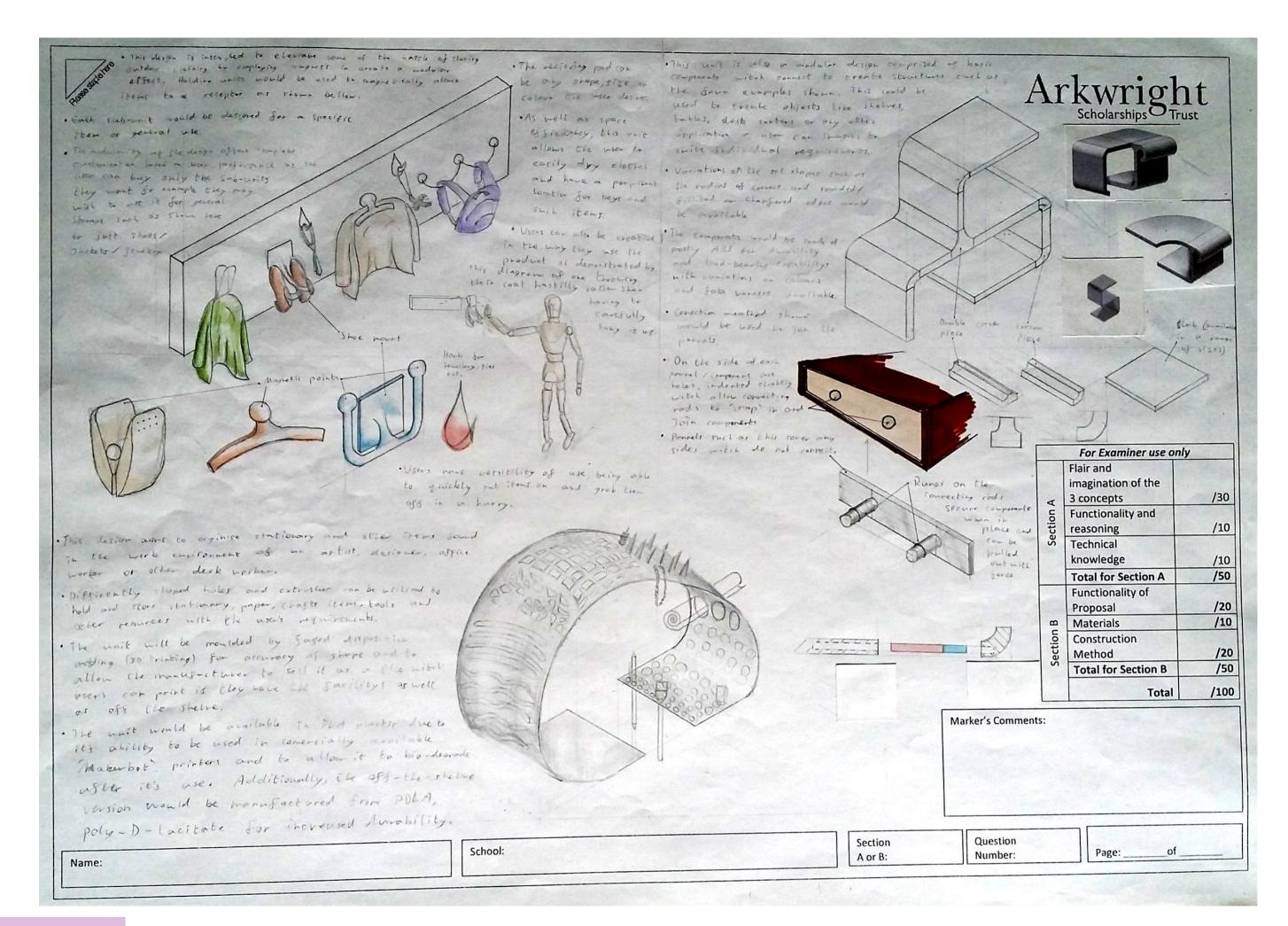


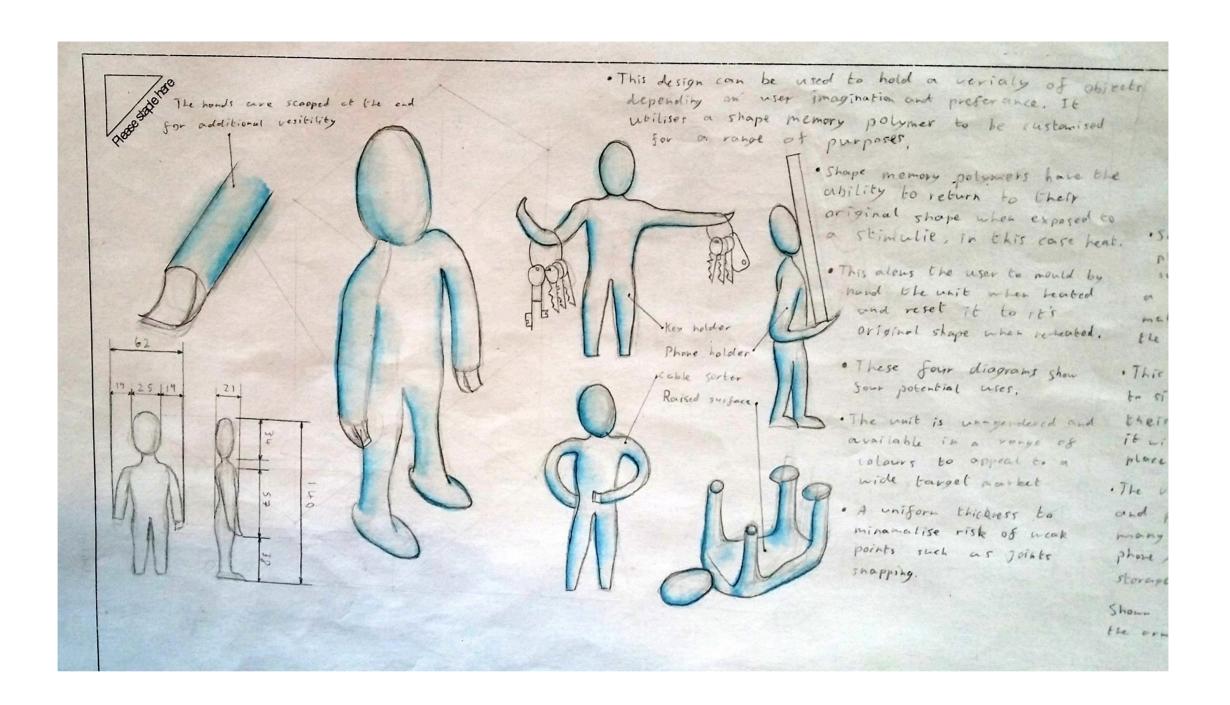
Context

At the beginning of this year, myself and three others who had done well in higher Product Design arranged with our teacher, Mr Murray to see if we could complete an Arkwright scholarship despite being slightly over the age limit. We joined this years Higher Product Design class and began working only later finding out that it was not possible for us to take part in the program and now use the time in class to do personal folio or work for other subjects.

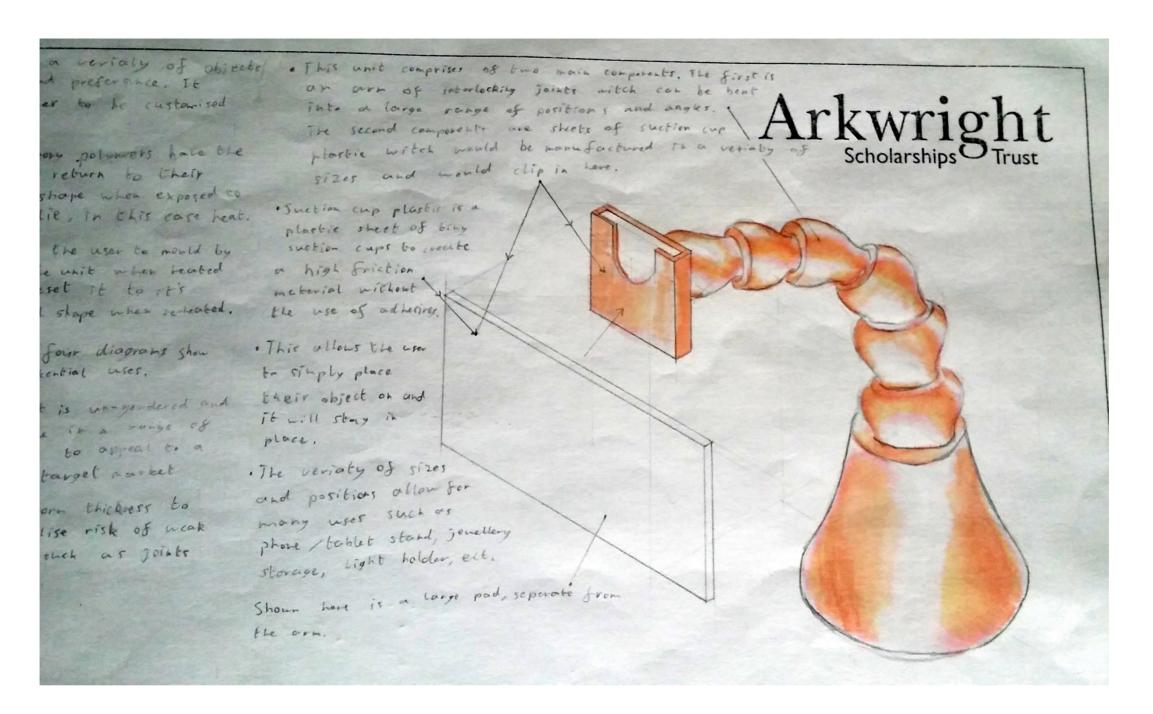
As part of the course work for Arkwright, we had to design a product for their brief which, when we found out that the course was not going ahead, I decided to take forward for my personal portfolio. The brief was as follows; to create a product to hold and/or store and/or display another product. The brief was very open with only a few guidelines suggesting optimal sizes and exemplar products from previous years.



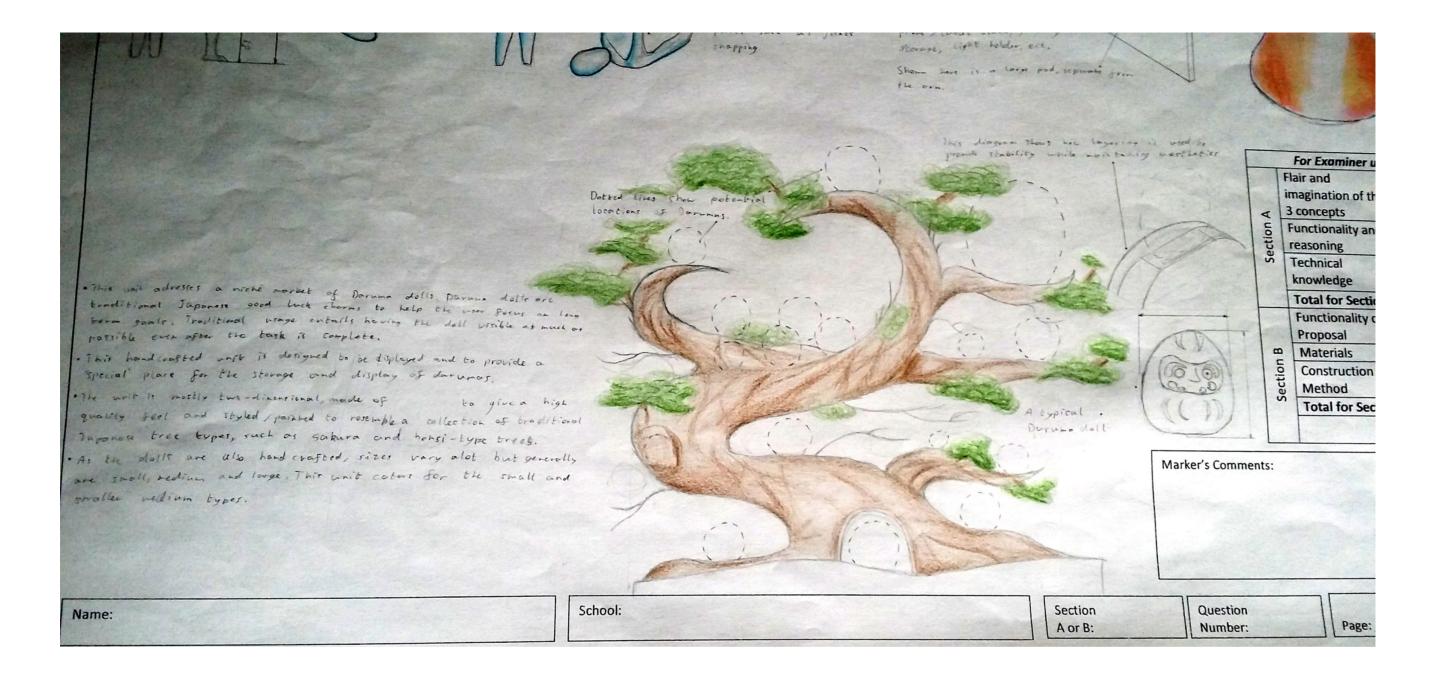




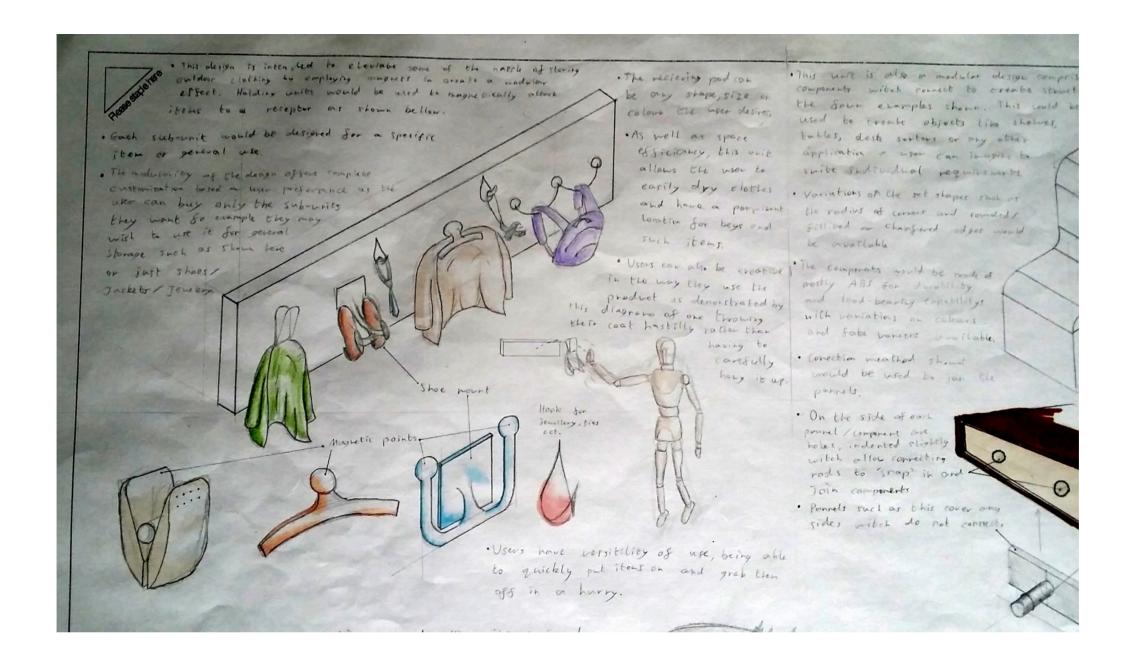
Design idea one uses a shape memory polymer to suite a wide variety of situations based on user preference and imagination. The design is a small figure 140mm tall made from a shape memory polymer meaning that it can be heated by conventional means, for example, in an oven and moulded into any shape the user desires where it will set when cooled. Upon reheating, it will return to it's original shape to be moulded again, four examples are shown here.



Design idea two is comprised of two main components, the first is an arm of interlocking joins which can be bent to face any direction at multiple heights and angles, and the second is a series of boards which attach on the end. The boards are ABS with a layer of suction cup plastic, a thin plastic the surface of which is made of tiny cup shapes which create enough friction to hold a variety of objects in place without the need for adhesives. The boards would be manufactured in a large range of sizes, all of which would clip onto the same frame allowing it to be used to hold any number of products such as smartphones or tablets for multimedia purposes, important notices or reminders, or other miscellaneous loose objects the user wants to secure.

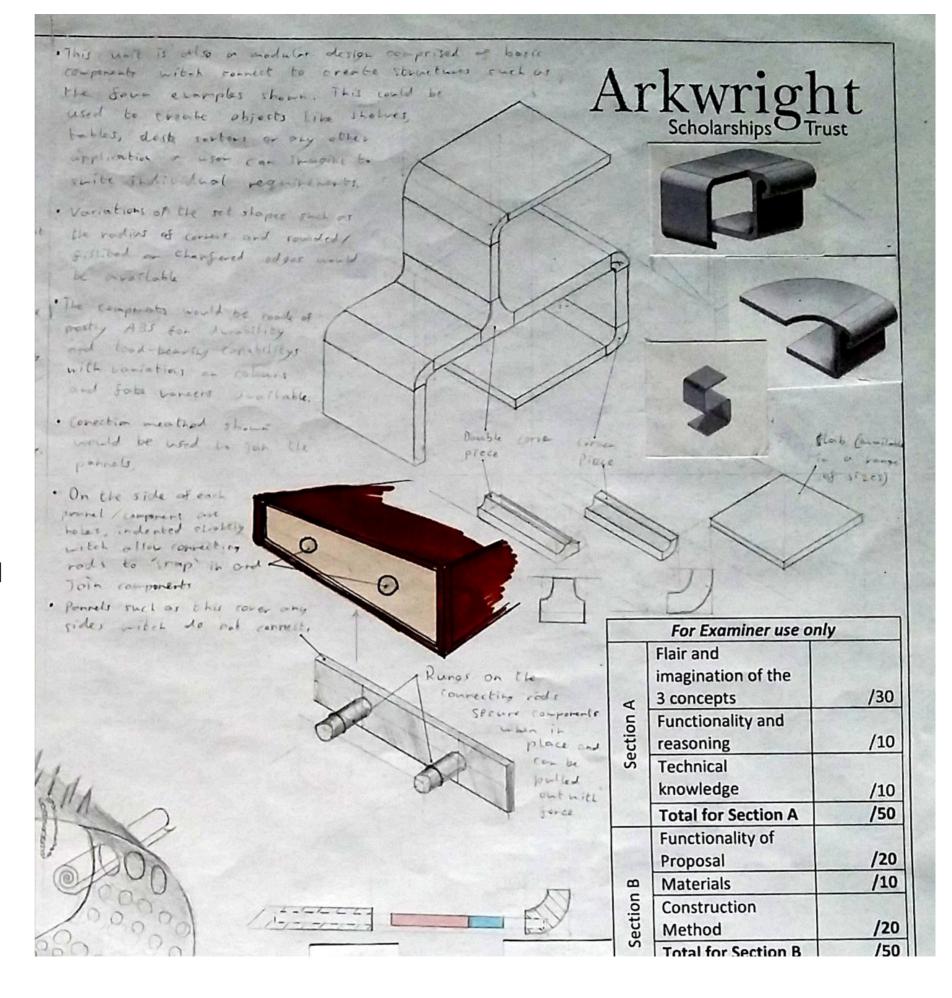


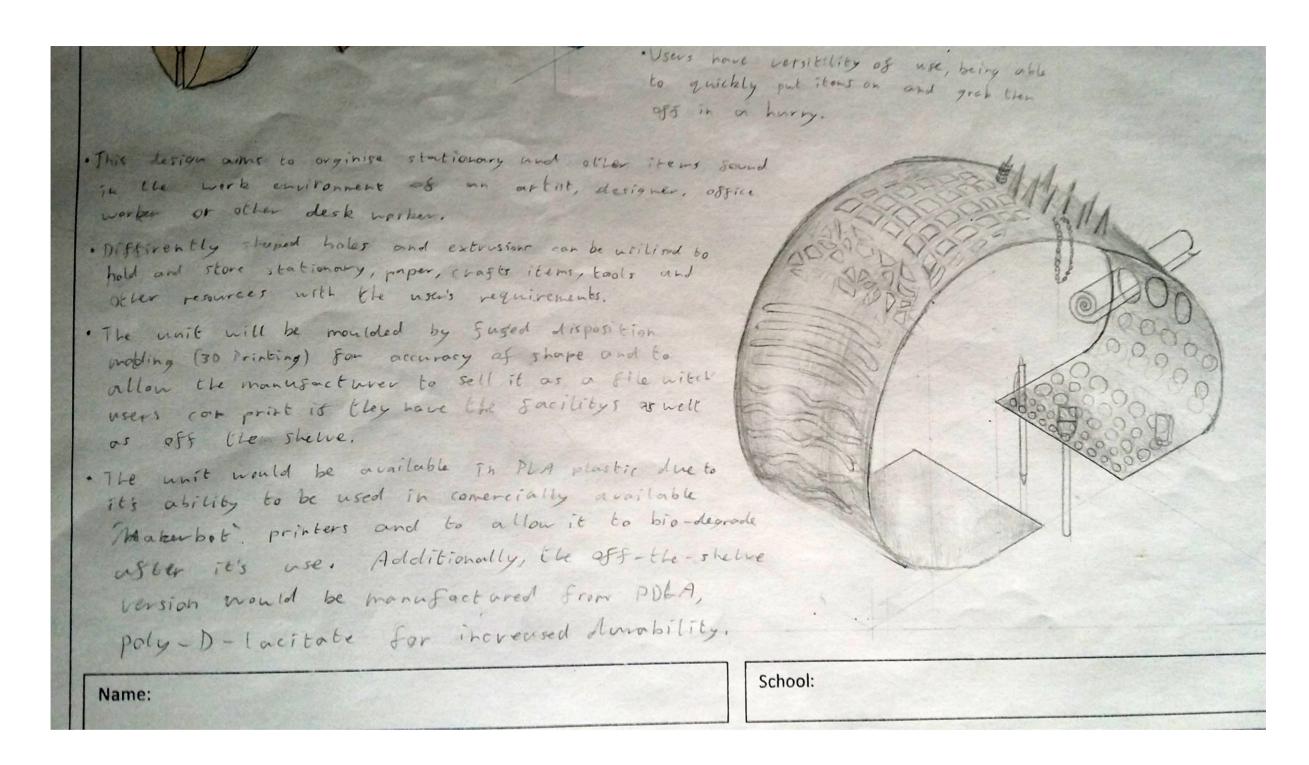
Design idea three addresses a niche market in the form Daruma dolls, a traditional Japanese good luck charm to help the user focus on long terms goals. Traditional usage entails having the doll visible as much as possible, even after the task is complete; this unit is a hand crafted and designed to be displayed as a 'special place' for the storage and display of Darumas. The unit is mostly two-dimensional, made of layers of oak to give a high quality feel, styled and painted to resemble a collection of traditional Japanese tree types such as sakura and bonsai-type trees.



Design idea four uses electromagnetism to create a modular storage system for outdoor clothing and equipment. The base plate would be a sheet of highly magnetic steel mounted to a wall while a series of small, connecting components would provide a way to attach items such as coats, bags and shoes using powerful magnets. Shown here are five examples of types of holders, the idea is to provide a very quick way of hanging up and taking down items, for example, if you were in a rush you could simply grab whatever you need off the wall without rummaging about in a closet. This also has the somewhat novelty value of being able to toss objects onto the wall without much care or effort as the diagram of an ergonomic-doll is demonstrating.

Design idea five is also modular consisting of different panels and joins which allow the user to create any number of configurations, primarily types of shelves and tables. Shown here are four possible configurations using only five types of parts. The components would fit together using rods which would snap into place, colour coded to indicate which is required for the two parts the user wishes to join together. The nature of this product means that it is extremely expandable, new shapes and sizes can be added easily as well as variants on existing shapes such as chamfered or rounded corners or multi-coloured/illuminated components.





Design idea six is designed to be an all-in-one desk tidy and document holder, a range of different shaped cut-outs and extrusions mean most stationary products and items which a designer, artist or desk worker might have can be held efficiently with ease of access. I designed this unit with 3D printing in mind; it is made of PDLA, a biopolymer which can be used on the widely recognised fused disposition modeller range by Makerbot as well as poly-D-lactate for increased durability.

