

GCSE Art & Design: Textile Design

OPTION

Would you like to explore and experiment with a range of textiles, media and techniques?

This course is for students who have an interest in fashion and textiles. It is a particular course linked to work related situations. You will learn by completing projects and briefs that are based on work place and Industry situations, activities and demands. It introduces you and prepares you for the employment environment you may like to choose. It follows the AQA course and is equivalent to 1 GCSE. The course is made up of 2 units and is aimed at getting you to develop your ability to engage in the process of creative learning and making. You will be supported in developing imaginative and intuitive ways of working, and understanding how to use different materials as well as building on your knowledge of historical and contemporary contexts.

What skills are needed for this course:

- A creative, enquiring mind
- An ability to plan and work to deadlines
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- The ability to discuss and write about textiles

The course aims to:

- Guide students to develop and strengthen their skills through their coursework
- Develop knowledge, skills and understanding of a range of textile techniques and processes, for example: surface pattern, stitched and/or embellished textiles, printed and dyed textiles, and different construction methods for fashion or interiors
- Research cultural, social, historical, contemporary, environmental and creative contexts
- Support students in becoming more independent in their decision making, selection and refining of materials and methods of working

Coursework:

- Component 1: Portfolio – 2 projects which cover 4 assessment objectives
- Component 2: Externally set assignment – students work to a subject title which cover 4 assessment objectives and complete a 10-hour practical exam

Progression Pathways to further and higher education:

- The course is an excellent choice for students who would like to study at A level and degree level within Textiles and fashion
- Gain a broad knowledge and understanding of the creative industries
- Investigate areas of specific interest

Career opportunities:

Career opportunities include: Fashion designer, Textile designer, Pattern cutter, Sample machinist, Buyer, Costume designer, Merchandiser, Fashion stylist and Fashion journalist