

ART & DESIGN: Textiles

Exam board: AQA (8201)

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Course description:

GCSE Art Textiles is an exciting course that focuses on learning through practical and creative experience. Each lesson is hands on, you learn and try out new & exciting ways of being creative within fashion & textiles. You will explore different textile techniques and research the work of fashion designers and textiles artists to help enrich & develop your own work. Techniques you will learn include:

- Felt making
- Free motion embroidery
- Printing
- Weaving/Knitting
- Fabric manipulation
- Dyeing and painting textiles
- Hand embroidery/embellishment
- Laser cut and etched textiles



GCSE Art Textiles is your chance to be creative within the field of fashion & textiles & explore areas including: woven, knitted, stitched, printed & decorative textiles. Areas of focus include fashion design and illustration, costume design, accessory/jewellery design, art textiles, constructed textiles, interior design, printed and dyed textiles and digital textiles.

By the end of the course students will:

1. Be able to research and investigate different Fashion and Textile Designers and critically analyse their work.
2. Record and develop your own ideas through exploring a range of creative textile techniques & processes.
3. Develop your own bespoke textile outcomes.

Assessment:

Component 1 – Portfolio. Non-exam assessment (NEA) 60% of GCSE

The portfolio will include an extended project that covers all 4 Assessment Objectives and this will be presented in a sketchbook. Your portfolio will be a sustained project, starting with the beginning of your ideas, development of ideas through to your final outcome/s. You will experiment in your portfolio with the textiles techniques that will be taught in class. Your sketchbook will contain all of your ideas and development samples, this will include: drawings, photographs, colour palette & trend

information, mood boards, creative design ideas. You will study the work of textile and fashion designers such as Alexander McQueen and Iris Van Herpen and you will be required to be aware of the latest trends and fashion forecasting.

Component 2 – Externally set assignment. 40% of GCSE

You will choose your own brief from a set list published by the exam board. You complete the research and development work in class and then create your final outcome/s within a 10-hour practical exam. This exam will be split over two school days and you will have preparation time before the exam to decide what you will make during the allocated time. Your preparation will be recorded in a sketchbook or folder and will be similar in layout to your portfolio.

Why study Art Textiles?

Whether you are interested in pursuing a career in fashion or are interested in exploring textiles through creative techniques and processes, Art Textiles is the course for you. You will have the opportunity to learn about fashion and textile design through a range of exciting project briefs that will nurture your creativity and understanding of the subject. The course includes exciting trips that will enrich your knowledge and understanding of Fashion and Textiles. Art Textiles opens the door to a range of exciting careers including:

- Costume Design
- Fashion Design
- Interior Design
- Fashion & Media Journalism
- Photography
- Illustrator
- Textiles Design
- Museum Curator
- Jewellery Design
- Teacher
- Buyer
- Visual Merchandiser



For further information contact Mrs Whittaker or Miss Runcie.

Please note that it is not possible to choose Textiles in Step 3 on the choices form if Art and Design has been chosen in Step 2. This is because both these courses lead to the same Art and Design GCSE, just through different routes.