

GCSE ART & DESIGN: TEXTILES FAQs

1. What Do You Study During GCSE Textiles?

- A. Art Textiles is a vibrant and dynamic course covering many varieties of materials, techniques, methods and aspects towards Art with the emphasis on Textiles as a surface design. There will be other forms of research taken into account which lead onto Designers, Craftsmen and Artists. The loose term of Fashion and Interior Design play a part in this subject but are not the sole priorities. There are two projects; one is a mini introduction into the subject, and then a more major extensive project that allows a theme to be explored via Art, Research, Creative thinking and Visual interpretation with lots of sampling. This leads to multi layering techniques together with printing, hand or machine embroidery, felting and so many other methods will be learnt in due process. Various briefs are introduced to follow a theme but can be very open in exploration and inspirational to the young designer.

So, if you are creative and you like to experiment and explore with various materials on a variety of surfaces creating decorative fabrics then this course is for you.

2. How would I be assessed in GCSE Textiles?

- A. GCSE Art & Design Textiles is 60% coursework and 40% exam. For the course work you will investigate a range of themes, develop you own project, explore and research and eventually create outcomes in response to this research. The exam paper is published in January of Y11. Students select 1 question and produce project development work based on it. This follows the same format as coursework projects, but over a shorter period of time – 10 weeks. Students make the final outcome for their exam unit during a 2 day 10 hour Textile exam that takes place in the Textile rooms.

For any questions not answered here, please feel free to email Mrs Nicholls (mnicholls@stbarts.co.uk).