Textile Design

Exam Board: AQA

Course Summary

In A Level Textile Design, you will develop your skills and knowledge through creative exploration. You will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of textile media, processes and techniques - both traditional and contemporary.

You will explore the use of drawing for different purposes, experiment with a range of materials and techniques and use sketchbooks to underpin your work. You will build your understanding of shape, line, scale, colour, texture, pattern, contrast and/or repetition in relation to textile design. You will study a variety of textile methods, such as: printing and laser cutting; tie-dye and batik; knitting and weaving; fabric manipulation; stitching, appliqué, patchwork, padding, quilting, hand and machine embroidery.

You will explore a variety of themes and will be given creative and technical guidance to help you develop your own original projects and create outcomes. Outcomes can vary from conceptual pieces, wall hangings, garments, costumes, interior products and installations.

Entry Requirements

Students are required to have a GCSE Grade 5 in an art-design-based subject (Art, Fine Art, Graphic Communication, 3D Design, Photography or Textile Design).

During the course you will be expected to purchase fabrics and resources to make products.

Course Assessment

Students will be committing to a two-year linear course with all units examined at the end of Year 13. The course is assessed as 60% portfolio, 40% practical exam.

Where might it lead?

A Level Textile Design supports foundation courses in Art and Design and post foundation students have continued on to study fashion design (menswear/women's wear/children's wear), textile art, garment technology, pattern cutting and textile design (weave, print and embroidery). Other pathways that you might follow with A Level Textile Design include visual merchandiser, jewellery design, fashion marketing, fashion journalism, interior design, teaching, costume design or fashion buying.

> **Textiles is great for those who like to expand, improve and develop their creativity through fashion and art. ELLIE**