

Aim:

The focus of the course is on creativity. Pupils will study 2 components. The two components are: a portfolio and an externally set assignment which are both internally assessed and moderated by the exam board. The final qualification achieved will be GCSE Art & Design with Textiles. The course is ideally suited to students with a preference for a practical, rather than theoretical learning.

Where will it take me?

This is an excellent course to lead into textiles a-level and university courses and apprenticeships. This is also an excellent qualification to help you move into any of these areas including fashion, textile retail industry such as a fashion buyer, clothing & textile technologist, etc.

Textiles gives learners a whole host of technical, transferable skills, including communication and teamwork. Upon completion, learners can progress to Technical Certificates and other Level 3 vocational qualifications such as BTEC Extended Level 3 Diploma in Fashion and Textiles or A-level Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles. Careers and job roles could include; Fashion Designer, Pattern Designer and Grader, Garment Technologist/Product Developer, Sample Machinist, Fashion Buyer, Visual Merchandiser, Fashion Stylist and Fashion Blogger.

What will I learn?

Textile design is defined here as the creation of designs and products for woven, knitted, stitched, printed or decorative textiles that might have a functional or non-functional purpose. In component 1 and component 2 students are required to work in one or more area(s) of textile design, such as those listed below:

- Art textiles,
- Fashion design and illustration,
- Costume design,
- Constructed textiles,
- Printed and dyed textiles,
- Surface pattern,
- Stitched and/or embellished textiles,
- Soft furnishings and/or textiles for interiors,
- Digital textiles,
- Installed textiles.

They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

It is important that you have a passion for the subject and a desire to know more about Fashion and Textiles production and the issues surrounding this. Other useful attributes include: decision making; reading and interpreting; awareness of the importance of costing; safety and the environment; the perseverance to produce high quality outcomes. You will be expected to: work collaboratively and independently; visit exhibitions; and research, take risks and reflect on your practice.

What homework can I expect?

Regular homework activities will be set to test your subject knowledge along with the expectation to spend time after school on practical assessments if required.

Additional requirements

You may be required to provide some materials from home to construct textile products or a small fee will be charged to cover costs in the production of desirable quality products.

For further information please see Mrs Powell.