GCSE Design and Technology: Textiles– Y9 Transition

Design and technology through the focused specialism of textiles materials gives you an opportunity to identify and solve real world problems. It will allow you to build an understanding of an increasingly technological world and consider the influences of designers in this specialism. In addition, you will learn the impacts design and production can have on the world both socially and environmentally. You will gain practical skills in a range of surface and construction techniques to help you problem solve and explore design through real life contexts.

Preparation	Be motivated about the subject. Who is your favourite designer? Don't have one? Find out more. Here are some popular one that you could investigate. • Rei Kawakubo • Yinka Ilori • The Singh Twins • Morag Myerscough • Aljoud Lootah • Mary Quant • Charles Rennie Macintosh • Vivienne Westwood • Mathew Williamson • Coco Chanel • Alaxander McQueen Be mindful of the things you have learned and continue to learn in DT & Textiles as it is all relevant to what you will learn at GCSE in this subject.
Overview of course	✓ **Exam Board**: AQA ✓ **External exams:** Component 1: 2 hour exam (weighting – 100 marks 50% of qualification) ✓ **Non- Examined Assessment:** Component 2: Design and Make Task NEA- recommended 35 hours (weighting 100mark 50% of qualification) with contextual challenges being released 1st June. ✓ **Themes:** Are set by the exam board and are different every year, there are always three to choose from. You will write your own project brief based on the contexts released.
Short term focus: Term 1	In the September of Y10 you start with making a swatch book of surface techniques such as block printing, applique, embroidery and tie dye. With the aim to apply your favourites to the construction of a bag. Alongside this you will learn about the greater world of design such as new emerging technologies and production techniques and systems.
Careers & Suitability	**This course would suit you if:** • Architect • Industrial Designer • Set Designer • Interior Designer • Research and Product Development. • Graphic Designer • Landscape Architect • Advertising and Marketing	**Careers:** This subject will always teach you about the world we live in and how to problem solve – abilities that will benefit you even if your career is not in this sector, however the following are specific roles in this industry: costume designer, garment technologist, fashion designer, interior designer, tailor, illustrator, print maker, product designer.