

# TEXTILES

## Course

A level Textiles (Art & Design)

## Exam Board

AQA specification

## Entry requirements

Either GCSE Textiles Grade 4 or Art and Design Grade 4.

## Why study Textiles?

AQA Art and Design Textiles is an exciting and innovative program of study which allows students to develop their creative ability within Textiles and Fashion design.

Students will build on existing skills, knowledge and understanding and learn to apply this when designing textile related products. The course is a gateway of opportunity for a worthwhile and rewarding career with good prospects for successful students.

## Course content and assessment

A level Art and Design Textiles is comprised of four units. Two of these are taught in year 12 and two are taught in year 13. Each unit is worth 80 marks.

### Unit 1:

Candidates are required to complete design work based on a choice of self- initiated, student inspired themes which lead to a practical outcome. This unit is composed of coursework projects.

Assessment is based on the completion of a detailed sketch book and a practical assignment.

### Unit 2:

This is an assessed practical exam which takes place in a single day, the duration of the exam is 5 hours. The outcome is practical and candidates need to produce a piece during the exam. Preparation is needed and a sketch book must be developed. The theme is set by the exam board.

### Unit 3:

As in Unit 1, candidates are required to complete design work based on a choice of self- initiated themes which lead to a practical outcome. This unit is composed of a coursework project.

There is an additional written submission where candidates are required to complete a 3000 word essay. Assessment is based on the completion of a sketchbook and practical assignment

### Unit 4:

As with Unit 2, this is an assessed, practical exam. The duration of this exam is 15 hours and it takes place over 3 consecutive days. Candidates need to prepare for an AQA exam board set brief.

Internal and external assessment takes place in May.

## Progression after Sixth Form

Art & Design Textiles is widely recognised as appropriate entry requirement to Higher Education. Potential continued routes of progression include Product Design (Textiles), and numerous Textile, Fashion and Creative Arts Degree courses, Foundation and BTEC National Diploma in Art, plus many more.

## Career opportunities

Further career prospects are possible within Fashion Design, Manufacturing, Computer Aided Design, Footwear, Interior Design, Theatre/Costume Design, Textile Design, Millinery, Merchandising, Textile Science; self-employed Designer/Maker, Textile Artist.

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