

Textiles - A Level

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Course Outline:

Practical Skills & Theoretical Know-How: Get ready to roll up your sleeves and dive into hands-on learning. You'll not only gain the practical skills to bring your ideas to life but also the deep theoretical knowledge to understand the 'whys' behind your 'hows'!

Explore the World: This isn't just about design and technology; it's about understanding the world around us. You'll dive into history, society, culture, environment, and economics to infuse your creations with real-world significance!

Your Creative Playground: Imagine having the freedom to design and create something truly unique, something that's a reflection of your inner creativity! With this qualification, you'll have the chance to produce your very own prototype, turning your dreams into reality!

Paper 1 - Technical Principles: It's not just about theory; you'll have a 2.5-hour written exam where you'll showcase your technical prowess and snag those crucial marks! This is 30% of your final grade

Paper 2 - Design and Making Principles: This 1.5-hour written exam is your chance to shine as you demonstrate your design and making skills! This is 20% of your final grade

Non-Examined Assessment: You'll embark on a substantial design and make project, earning 50% of your A-level grade. Your written or digital design portfolio and stunning photographic evidence of your final prototype will leave a lasting mark! 50% of your final grade.

A GCSE in Design and Technology Textiles would be an advantage, although not essential. Alternatively, strong evidence of your creativity and lots of enthusiasm will do. All students will need to possess good organisation and time management skills in order to meet deadlines.

You will produce a variety of products and will have to provide some of your own materials to complete the larger design elements. It is recommended that you purchase a theoretical text book to aid and support all four assessed units.



Progression Post -18

This course could be the beginning of a career in the Fashion/Textile industry. It will allow students the opportunity to produce portfolios of work enabling successful students to pursue a career in Fashion and Textiles, usually via further education.

There are lots of career options available, ranging from fashion or textile designers, CAD designers, garment technicians, manufacturing, knitters, weavers, printers, colourists, visual merchandisers, buyers, retail, teaching, and many more.

Qualification: A Level Coursework: 50% Examination: 50%

Examination Board: AQA