

GCSE Textiles Design

What is GCSE Textile Design?

Textile Design is a vibrant, creative, and imaginative coursework – based subject that allows students to design and produce fashion, jewellery and interior products whilst learning skills such as clothing construction, jewellery making, printing, embellishment of garments, weaving and quilting.

As well as the practical and design skills gained when studying Textile Design, you'll learn many vital transferable skills such as teamwork, project management, communication, marketing, and how commercial industry works. This fantastic course provides you with an excellent foundation of vital skills and knowledge you will need to continue further into college, A-level, or the wider world of design. Textile and fashion design is the second biggest industry in the UK, this course gives you the freedom to express yourselves using techniques and materials linked to manufacturing and production of textile products.

During this course students will learn and develop skills and knowledge of:

- Exploring practical processes such as surface pattern printing, clothing construction, fabric dyeing, stitching, digital textiles, accessory making of scarves, hats and jewellery, embroidery and fabric manipulation.
- Research textile artists and fashion designers, looking at the manufacturing and processing elements used within the industry.
- Develop design ideas with a creative approach, producing a personal journey within your coursework, the freedom to experiment and resolve design investigations.
- Time management and the ability to adapt to various design constraints and consumer needs.
- Create products from a range of starting points and themes linked to industry using all the manufacturing skills and processes learnt on the course.

How will I be assessed?

GCSE Textile Design is a coursework – based qualification which has 2 components: Component 1 (60%) – A two-year portfolio that comprises of 2 coursework projects, which includes research of themes and designers, experimenting and exploring ideas using appropriate media, materials, techniques, and processes, and producing textile interior and fashion products.

Component 2 (40%) – Preparatory studies and a 10 hour practical producing a soft furnishing or fashion product using all the skills, knowledge and processes gained within the two year course.

Career Pathways:

*Fashion designer *Fashion photographer *Furniture designer *Interior designer *Wallpaper designer *Jewellery maker *Fashion buyer *Illustrator *Teacher *Printmaker *Retail Buyer *Stylist *Film set designer *Costume Designer *Theatre Set Designer *Visual Merchandiser *Product Designer *Music Stylist

How can I support my studies at home?

As with other subjects, your Art teachers will provide knowledge organisers for each part of the course. Normally for each Assessment Objective. The department will provide resources, examples and further support on google classroom. Access to materials and apps at home would be helpful when completing your work. You can also support your studies at home by allowing time to complete practical homework tasks.

