

textiles

A - Level AQA

This successful course has been designed to enable you to design, create and make innovative textile products to meet the needs of the intended audiences. From your personal research you will be encouraged to develop your projects in your own individual way to produce an original interpretation of the design brief. You will work to specific design briefs based on both fashion trends and current exhibitions. You will be made aware of the relationship between current fashion trends and interior design trends which will enable you to produce a range of products for either the fashion or interiors market (e.g. fashion accessories - bags, scarves or interior products - hangings, cushions, canvases)

Throughout the course, you will be encouraged to demonstrate initiative and curiosity, to be visual thinkers and creative problem solvers. The study of different cultural influences as well as the history of fashion & textiles is essential in developing your understanding of how designs work on several levels.

How is the course assessed?

Component 1 – Portfolio (60% of AS/A Level)

The completion of the folio involves designing and making quality textile products and the completion of a design folder. You will learn to use a wide variety of textile processes, techniques and equipment to help you develop your ideas through to the final outcomes. Products will be made using a range of fabrics, techniques and equipment, depending on the skills and interest of the individual.

Areas of study include: Fabric decoration/embellishment, fabric printing and painting, hand embroidery, machine embroidery, fabric construction.

Component 2 Externally Set Assignment (40% of AS/A Level)

You will receive a paper at the beginning of February (year 12) and select one starting point (brief). Over the next 3 months, your time will be spent researching, planning and developing ideas. A further 10/15 hours of supervised time, in May, will be used to complete the production of the design outcome(s).

Who's it for?

You should give this course serious consideration if:

- you enjoy solving practical problems in a textiles context;
- You have an interest in fashion and working with fabrics;
- you are self-motivated and prepared to carry out your own research and investigations;
- you can employ analytical thinking and be creative and innovative when designing;
- you have an enterprising attitude and are willing to take risks;
- you enjoy designing and making textile products to meet the needs of identified consumers.

Progression

The course provides an excellent progression route into higher education and careers in Art and Design related professions such as Fashion Design, Textile Design, Marketing, Buying, Interior Design. . .

Accepted widely by universities as an academic subject, the UCAS points gained from studying the subject will enable you to progress to the course of your choice.

