



PRODUCT DESIGN: TEXTILES

Exam board	AQA
Entry requirements	Grade B In Textiles and/or a Portfolio of Design and Making Skills
Units of study and topics covered	If you have a passion for Textiles; from clothes to curtains and from upholstery to bedspreads or there's something about the look and feel of textiles that appeals to you, then you'd like a career that includes textiles. Perhaps as a textile designer, seeing your unique designs woven into the fabric of life. Or maybe as an interior designer or clothes designer. Whatever your relationship with textiles, this exciting challenging courses will help you understand more about textiles then you ever thought possible.
Forms of assessment used	Over the two years of your A-Level study you will cover the following : Unit 1 – Materials, Components and Application 50% of AS, 25% of A Level 2 hour written paper Unit 2 – Learning Through Designing and Making 50% of AS, 25% of A Level Coursework – approx 50 hours Unit 3 – Design and Manufacture 25% of A Level 2 hour written paper Unit 4 – Design and Making Practice 25% of A Level Coursework – approx 60 hours
Key skills for success	Creative skills, drawing skills, good organisational and planning.
Expectations	We always ask for students who are committed, students need to be self motivated. It is expected that students work independently outside of lessons. We look for those who are prepared to question and challenge through their love of design.
Good subject combinations	As a STEM subject Textiles Design can work as a good combination with Maths and other Science providing a context for the theory of those subjects. For the more creative student it works very well with the Arts subjects and/or English.
Potential pathways post sixth form:	Textile Design could take you into a number of exciting career paths. Of course being a textile designer is a natural outcome, but there are other job prospects. Like working as an interior designer or in fashion merchandising and buying. The advertising and marketing profession always needs creative people too, as does the manufacturing industry.
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