

Fashion & Textiles



Core technical qualification

GCSE Design and Technology: Textiles Focus

What will you be learning?

- You will carry out a number of practical projects to show your core skills in Year 10, e.g. making a fashion garment; a fashion accessory etc. You will respond to a brief e.g. shift style dress, city shorts, fashion accessory, interior products, sports top etc.
- You will study the fundamentals of the fashion and textiles industry. We will cover topics such as fabrics and components, tools and equipment, and possible careers within the industry.

Methods of assessment

- **Unit 1** – a 2 hour written paper worth 50%.
At the end of Year 11 you will sit a two hour exam on 'Design and Technology in the 21st Century' (50% of the GCSE grade). This will consist of a mix of short answer, structured and extended writing questions that will assess your knowledge and understanding of technical principles, designing and making principles, wider issues in design and technology and your ability to analyse and evaluate. You will specialise in Textiles.
- **Unit 2** – NEA – an extended making project (50%) – Year 11
The majority of Year 11 will be spent on the Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) which represents 50% of the GCSE grade. During this time you will work on an individual design and make project, taking your project through from design brief to completed prototype.

What are lessons like?

- The lessons are very varied.
 - Most of your lessons will be practical where you will be making products and learning how to carry out processes.
 - Quotes from students:
 - 'The lessons give you the freedom to design and develop your creativity to design and make original textiles products'
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- 'The lessons are fun and you get lots of one to one help. They have a fast pace to push you onto achieve as well as you can. Your technical skills are developed and you can make exciting things'

How will we work with employers and the community?

- We plan to work with the local community both in an industrial context and more bespoke environment to allow students to gain an insight into the wide range of career possibilities in fashion and textiles

Where can this pathway lead?

- A Textiles qualification can lead to a range of career opportunities within the fashion and textiles industry, such as retail and marketing, as well as fashion design. We will look at the wide range of careers in fashion and textiles as part of the course.
- This course will also allow you to develop a variety of life skills such as: decision making, problem solving, working under pressure, using your imagination, following instructions and meeting deadlines.
- This course also provides a solid foundation for any student thinking of taking A Level Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles