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Design and Technology: Textiles

Exam Board: AQA

Contact Teacher: Miss Piper / Miss Gardner

Why study Design and Technology: Textiles?

Textiles are an integral part of everyday design. The role of a textile designer is expanding and may include fashion forecasting, creating fashion collections, fabric design, fibre technology, business, marketing, management and retail. This specification is designed to encourage candidates to develop their capacity to design and make textile products and appreciate the complex relations between design, materials, manufacture and marketing.

Course details

AS level

Candidates study and work with a variety of fabrics and components used in the design and making of textile products. They work in both two and three-dimensional forms. Candidates gain an understanding of industrial and commercial practices within the area of design and manufacture:

Unit 1 (TEXT1) Materials, Components and Application

Unit 2 (TEXT2) Learning Through Designing and Making.

A2 level

The specification offers candidates the opportunity to further develop the knowledge and practical skills from AS. Candidates continue to design and manufacture textile products alongside an understanding of the processes and procedures of commercial textile manufacture:

Unit 3 (TEXT3) Design and Manufacture

Unit 4 (TEXT4) Design and Making Practice

How is the course taught and assessed?

Your knowledge will be developed and assessed through a 2 hour examination focusing in the following areas; materials and components, design and market influences, and industrial and commercial practice. You will also gain knowledge and experience through industrial visits to a range of creative environments.

Entry requirements

Anyone intending to take Design and Technology: Textiles at A level will be expected to have achieved 6 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Mathematics, one of which should be in Design/Technology: Textiles or Art and Design: Creative Textiles

What are the progression routes with this qualification?

The course is particularly useful to those of you who wish to be offered opportunities to develop and generate evidence of attainment in aspects of the Key Skills of:

- Communication
- Application of Number
- Information Technology
- Working with Others
- Improving own Learning and Performance
- Problem Solving