

FASHION & TEXTILES A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide opportunities for you to develop your creative, analytical and practical skills using textiles technology as your focus area. You will be involved in designing and making textiles products closely linked to the real world of product manufacture. There are two equally weighted units of study at A2 Level.

COURSE CONTENT:

- **Core technical principles** - materials, applications, practical method, CAD, CAM, H&S Design illustration, fashion cycles and history
- **Core designing and making principles** - design cycle, historical influences, design movement 20, 21st century fashion, designers at work, technical developments, product lifecycles
- **Additional specialist knowledge** - fabrics and fibres, characteristics and properties, finishes, fastenings, construction methods, embellishments, SMART fabrics, E-textiles, ICT and manufacturing methods.

ASSESSMENT:

2 exam papers and a NEA coursework task.

- **Paper 1: Technical Principals (Written exam)**
2.5 hours, 120 marks, 30% of A-Level. Questions are a mixture of short answer and extended response.
- **Paper 2: Design and Make Principals (Written exam)**
1.5 hours, 80 marks, 20% of A-Level. Questions are a mixture of short answer and extended response questions

Section A

- Product analysis: 30 marks. Up to 6 short answer questions based on visual stimulus of product(s).

Section B

- Commercial manufacture: 50 marks. Mixture of short and extended response questions.

- **NEA Task**

Practical application of core technical principles, core designing and making principles and additional specialist knowledge. Substantial design and make task.

How it's assessed: Substantial design and make project 100 marks 50% of A-Level. Written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Courses in higher education: Textile Design, Fashion Design, Interior Design and Costume Design etc. Many of the research, evaluating and reporting skills will be of great use for a wide range of 'unrelated' areas of study.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Textiles technology at A2 Level requires you to design and make a number of products. You will examine and evaluate real products, trial and test a range of materials and develop modelling skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Design and Technology Textiles Technology GCSE at least at Grade 5.

