

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: Fashion and Textiles

Type of Qualification: GCSE

How it is assessed: 50% Examination
50% Coursework

Course Overview:

Fashion and Textiles is an exciting new course for those students who enjoy designing and creating products for consumers, with an interest in the workings of the fashion and textiles industry. This course offers students the opportunity to design and make a number of different products using a range of different fabrics. Projects will range from adults clothing to cushions and accessories. **This course can be taken alongside GCSE Art.**

The course consists of three key elements. These include:

- Core technical principles
- Specialist technical principles
- Designing and making principles

The Year 9 curriculum for this course will provide students will an opportunity to build on their KS3 DT experience. It will focus mainly on the **core technical principles** and general **practical skills** before applying these to larger design and make projects through year 10 and 11.

Explore – Create - Evaluate will be at the subjects' core. It will be used to help students design and develop high quality 3D product outcomes in a suitable material.

50% of the final marks are given for designing and making a high quality product; a fashion or textiles product. The skills needed to do this are taught through a number of shorter projects during the first part of the course.

The exams account for 50% of the final marks. The exams test a student's ability and knowledge of core design skills or Design Technology as well as their specialist knowledge in Fashion and Textiles. These areas will be fully revised in sessions between the coursework deadline and the exams.

The course will cover the following skills plus many more:

- Fashion drawing techniques and illustration
- Past and present Fashion and Textile designers
- Clothing manufacturing techniques
- Smart and modern materials
- Fashion, interior and accessory products
- Dyeing, printing and embellishment technique investigations

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

Textiles GCSE allows students to be creative and develop their own style. This is an exciting qualification which prepares students for further study or apprenticeships in various design fields, including Product Design and Development, Graphic Design, Textile Design, Fashion Buying and Fashion Design. The industry is diverse with many different roles. Students looking for careers such as garment technologist, fashion designers, retail buyer, fashion illustrator, merchandisers, fashion stylist, textile designers, personal stylist, fashion journalist and theatrical costume designer will find this course an interesting starting point.

