DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY: Fashion and Textiles

Type of Qualification: GCSE (AQA)

How it is assessed: 50% Examination
50% Coursework

Course Overview:

- The course consists of three key elements. These include:
    - Core technical principles
    - Specialist technical principles
    - Designing and making principles

- 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.

- 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:
    - Fashion drawing techniques and illustration
    - Past and present Fashion and Textile designers
    - Clothing manufacturing techniques
    - Smart and modern materials
    - Fashion, interior and accessory products

Beyond Year 11:

Textiles GCSE is a robust and 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.

From September 2017 all Design Technology GCSEs will be merged into one qualification. Students will study the **core technical principles** of Design Technology within Year 9 before specialising in Textiles.