

A LEVEL TEXTILES **(AQA specification)**



The A Level Textiles course offers a comprehensive exploration of textile design and production. It is ideal for students with a passion for pattern, colour, texture, and creative expression. Through practical experimentation and theoretical study, students will develop the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful career in the textile industry or further study in related fields.

Key Course Features:

Students will be encouraged to investigate their own ideas and experiment with a wide range of textile processes, including machine stitching, printmaking, constructed textiles, fabric manipulation, concept garments, and digital design.

Photography and drawing will form the foundation of each project, as students are expected to work from their own collected images and research the work of historical and contemporary textile practitioners.

Students will have the opportunity to collaborate, discuss, and share their ideas openly, fostering a supportive and inspiring learning environment.

The course encourages students to explore the cultural context of textile design, forming personal connections between their ideas and the broader creative world.

Students will have the chance to exhibit their work throughout the course and visit museums and galleries to gain further inspiration and knowledge.

Year 1

Autumn Term:

- Introduction to textile techniques and processes
- Exploration of various themes and ideas supported by research into traditional and contemporary practice
- Creation of a series of textile outcomes
- Developing confidence in independent creative decision making

Spring & Summer Term:

- Personal investigation focusing on your choice of theme or concept (Component 1)
- Development of an individual project
- Supporting written work of 1000-3000 words
- Creation of highly developmental textile work
- Exploration of disciplines such as textile art, interiors, fashion, or costume design

Year 2

Autumn Term:

- Consolidation of personal investigation
- Creation of ambitious, highly developed outcome

Spring Term:

- AQA Externally Set Assignment (Component 2)
- Select a question from provided options and develop ideas in preparation time
- Development of a final outcome within the 15 hours supervised time

*GCSE requirements: **Art-based subject – Grade 5***
GCSE Textile Design is NOT required

English Language or Literature – Grade 4