

Art - Textiles

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Course Aims

Textiles at GCE A-level is a popular choice for students with a love of the Arts. Students enjoy working in the studios developing personal finished pieces, samples and sketchbook work. Our aim is to equip students with an understanding and practical knowledge of textiles techniques and processes. We also hope that they will develop a love of the subject and develop as textile artists with a passion for this area of the Visual Arts. The course will provide students with the opportunity to prepare a variety of textiles samples and develop a final piece. Students will look at the work of textile artists and work alongside highly experienced textiles teachers. Students will also enjoy visits to key events such as the Knit and Stitch show.

Qualifications and Qualities Needed

Candidates will be visually creative, imaginative and keen to express themselves through work made from fabrics and fibres. They will also be keen to analyse and evaluate the work of professional textile artists. A GCSE in Art or Textiles at grade 6 or above is desirable.

Course Structure

OCR Art and Design: Textile Design

The A-level is made up of two components:

Component 1 (60% of overall A-level): Personal Investigation. For this unit, students must create a major project that is of personal interest and relevance. Students should work through a range of art and design experiences.

The project must include: evidence of planning and preparation, a related personal study of 3000 words, final pieces that show considered personal responses.

Component 2 (40% of overall A-level): Externally set task (Work leading to a 15 hour response). For this unit, students will receive an early release question paper that will enable students to develop a personal response. They will develop a sketchbook of preparatory studies and complete a final piece in exam conditions.

Trips and Textbooks

Students are required to purchase materials and sketchbooks from the Art shop. Students visit The Knit and Stitch Show and The New Designers exhibition. These visits play a crucial role in developing knowledge and understanding.

Future Pathways

Students are advised on future progression and helped with any college applications in Year 13. Students often progress onto an Art Foundation course to prepare them for university.