



SIXTH FORM

Textiles Technology

AQA
AS 1561/A2 2561



WHY CHOOSE TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY?

The Design & Technology, Product Design Textiles A Level course is a progression from the GCSE Textiles Technology course.

It is suitable for students who wish to develop their practical textiles skills and broaden their knowledge of textiles materials and processes. Practical coursework is a significant component of the course and study of commercial design and practices is also included.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The course is a suitable option for all interested students, and could be particularly useful for students who wish to pursue a career in the textiles and fashion design, manufacturing and marketing industries.

There are many related higher education courses, including Clothing Design, Contemporary Textiles Design / Practice, Fashion Textiles Design, and Textiles Furnishing Design.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. Students will need to have achieved a minimum of grade C at GCSE Technology Textiles. Good analysis and research skills will be as important as a high standard of practical techniques. An interest/ability in Art is also helpful

Students must be prepared to work independently and have the ability to develop ideas exploring a range of processes and materials.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

Unit 1: Study of fibres, fabrics and construction techniques. Design and Market Influences and Processes and Manufacture are also studied in this unit of work.

Unit 2: Use knowledge of manufacturing processes to design and make textiles items suitable for commercial production.



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HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 1: Assessed by a written examination. 50% of total AS marks (25% of total A Level marks).

Unit 2: Coursework portfolio folder. 50% of total AS marks (25% of total A Level marks).

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

Unit 3: A study of the influences and conditions which have shaped the making of a textiles product.

Assessed with a design folder + practical outcome.

Unit 4: Advanced study of designing and manufacturing industry.

HOW IS THE A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

Unit 3: Assessed by a written examination. 25% of total A level marks.

Unit 4: Coursework folder. 25% of total A Level marks.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 hours per week.

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week.

