Course Title: GCSE Textile Design

Awarding Body: Edexcel

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Why study GCSE Textile Design?

GCSE Textile Design is the right subject for you if you:

- enjoy designing, exploring and creating using a range of materials and techniques
- enjoy experimenting and taking risks with your work and learning from your experiences.
- enjoy practical work and research
- appreciate the visual qualities of colour, pattern, texture, form and function in Textiles.

Course Outline

What does the course involve?

You will develop your visual skills and build a portfolio of work by completing a wide range of activities and in-depth assignments. Throughout the course, you will:

- develop and explore ideas through investigating other cultures, craftspeople and designers work.
- select and experiment with a range of appropriate materials, process and textiles techniques
- record your ideas, observations and insights through practical, design and written pathways
- present personal and meaningful responses to design briefs and themes.

GCSE Textile Design is a broad and flexible course where you will have opportunities to explore most of the following areas of study: Constructed textiles, digital textiles, dyed textiles, printed fabrics, fashion design, soft furnishings, stitched or embellished textiles.

Assessment Format

Edexcel (1-9) Textile Design (1TE0)

Component 1: Personal Portfolio

This component is worth 60% of your GCSE. You will produce a portfolio of work based on tasks agreed with your teacher.

Component 2: Externally Set Assignment (ESA)

This component is worth 40% of your GCSE. You will produce preparatory studies and personal outcome(s) based on a theme set by Edexcel.

Each component is assessed out of 72 marks against the four Assessment Objectives. Your teacher will mark your work and it will be moderated by Edexcel.



Edexcel (1-9) GCSE Textiles Design - Assessment Objectives:

AO1: Develop ideas through investigations, demonstrating critical understanding of sources - 25%.

AO2: Refine work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with appropriate media, materials, techniques and processes - 25%.

AO3: Record ideas, observations and insights relevant to intentions as work progresses - 25%.

AO4: Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language - 25%.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

It's important that you have a passion for the subject and a desire to know more about Textiles and the multi-disciplinary ways to create outcomes for different purposes. You will need to show a balanced and independent approach to your studies – Textiles involves some written work and research as well as designing and practical. Acting on feedback and correct completion of homework is also essential.

Possible Careers and Future Education

Through this course you'll develop transferable skills, such as problem solving, communication and critical thinking skills, which will prepare you for further study or the world of work regardless of the subjects or career you wish to pursue.

This GCSE in Textiles Design gives learners a whole host of technical, transferable skills, including communication and teamwork. Upon completion, learners can progress to Technical Certificates and other Level 3 vocational qualifications such as a BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Fashion and Textiles or A-level: Fashion and Textiles. Careers and job roles could include: Fashion Designer, Pattern Designer and Grader, Garment Technologist/Product Developer, Sample Machinist, Fashion Buyer, Visual Merchandiser, Fashion Stylist and Fashion Blogger.

Next steps

If you're interested in studying GCSE Textile Design, start finding out more about the subjectby:

visiting the Edexcel website https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016.html – there's a lot of useful information about what you'll be studying and how you'll be assessed – you will need to look through the GCSE Art Specification for the Textile Design course.

