

## Fashion and Textiles A Level (AQA)

### Course description

This course will provide opportunities for you to develop your creative, analytical and practical skills using textiles technology as your focus area. You will be involved in designing and making textiles products closely linked to the real world of product manufacture. There are two equally weighted units of study at 'A2' Level.

### Course content

#### Core technical principles

- materials, applications, practical method, CAD, CAM, H&S Design illustration, fashion cycles and history

#### Core designing and making principles

- design cycle, historical influences, design movement 20, 21st century fashion, designers at work, technical developments, product lifecycles

#### Additional specialist knowledge

- fabrics and fibres, characteristics and properties, finishes, fastenings, construction methods, embellishments, SMART fabrics, E textiles, ICT and manufacturing methods

### Assessment

2 exam papers and a NEA coursework task

**Paper 1:** Technical Principals

**Written exam:** 2.5 hours 120 marks 30% of A-level

**Questions:** Mixture of short answer and extended response.

**Paper 2 :** Design and make principals

**Written exam:** 1.5 hours 80 marks 20% of A-level

**Questions:** Mixture of short answer and extended response questions

#### Section A

Product analysis: 30 marks Up to 6 short answer questions based on visual stimulus of product(s).

#### Section B

Commercial manufacture: 50 marks Mixture of short and extended response questions.

**NEA Task:** Practical application of core technical principles, core designing and making principles and additional specialist knowledge. Substantial design and make task.

**How it's assessed:** Substantial design and make project 100 marks 50% of A-level

Written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype.



### Entry requirements

Design and Technology Textiles Technology GCSE at least at Grade 5.