

A Level Textiles

The Course

Textile design is an excellent opportunity for students interested in fashion, costume design, interior design, printed and / or dyed fabric and art textiles. This course prepares students to go on and study foundation art, and university.

The specification allows students to cover a broad range of techniques, materials and processes including surface decoration, dye methods, felt and silk paper making, hand and machine embroidery and a variety of mixed media textiles.

The Content

You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design, from the past and from recent times. Your responses to these examples will be demonstrated through practical and critical activities that highlight your understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

Students are encouraged to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in a more individual and creative way by studying and responding critically to the work of artists and textile artists. This work is further developed in the second year of study by experimenting with and combining a range of textile techniques around a theme of the student's own choice, plus a written related study of up to 2,000 words.

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Assessment

60% personal investigation and 40% exam board set assignment.

Subject entry guidelines

GCSE Art and Design at grade 5 or above if taken.

Pathways/Careers

Students go on to successfully study or work in many fields, including:

Fashion

Costume Design

Interior Design

Film

Television

Theatre

Printed and/or dyed fabric and art textiles