



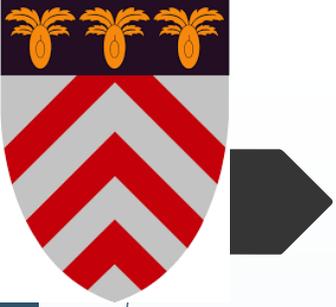
# GCSE Textiles

The GCSE Textiles course is designed for those pupils who wish to extend and develop their studies in Textiles. We follow the AQA Textiles Design course which allows you to produce practical and critical/contextual work in one or more areas including art textiles, fashion design and illustration, printed and dyed textiles, surface pattern and interiors.

The course has two components - a portfolio of work and an externally set task (examination). The coursework component is a portfolio selected from work undertaken during Years 10 and 11 and must include more than one project. It accounts for 60% of the final mark. Areas of study include exploring textile techniques, surface decoration, fabric manipulation and construction.

The externally set task takes place at the end of the course. Students have three months in which to prepare and fill a sketchbook with their response to a chosen title and then have 10 hours under exam conditions to complete a final piece. This accounts for 40% of their final grade.

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# Frequently asked questions

## **Assessment**

Both components are examined by the centre and assessed by an external moderator. The 4 Assessment Objectives are equally weighted:

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

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

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

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

## **Skills and commitment**

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## **How can I find out more information about the course?**

Speak to your Textiles teacher at the end of the lesson with any questions you have. We are happy to help and support you during this choice. Booking an appointment with your Textiles teacher on parents evening would be an excellent opportunity to talk about this in greater detail.

# Student feedback

## Why choose GCSE Textiles?

- It's a really nice atmosphere to work in!
- I really enjoy being able to be creative and work independently.
- It's a really fun, creative subject to choose!

## What's the most interesting thing you learn about on the course?

- Learning new techniques and experimenting with different fabrics.
- Being able to learn how to use the sewing machine and construct final outcomes.
- Each lesson you learn a new textiles skill, so it's always something different!

## What do you like about the subject?

- I enjoy the lessons as they are practical.
- You learn a lot of new skills and you get to work in a relaxing environment.
- Being able to really explore textiles techniques and looking at textile artists.

## Do you do any trips?

- In Year 10 & Year 11, we take a trip to the Knitting and Stitching Show to see the Textiles Exhibition, discover new techniques and a chance to buy fabrics and materials!

