

# ART TEXTILES

## Entry requirements:

You must have a Grade 5 in Art Textiles, Art or Product Design (if taken at GCSE) and a Grade 5 in English as there is a written element linked to the personal investigation. However, this course is open to students who have not taken a similar subject previously.

## Why study Art Textiles?

In Art Textiles you will enjoy developing your understanding of the visual world, learning practical skills and responding to ideas and issues. The course offers the opportunity to develop skills over a broad range of textile and fashion techniques and applications, such as printing, weaving, knitting, mixed media, digital applications, surface design, embroidery and installation. Practical work is produced by researching and developing ideas using drawing, sketchbooks and work sheets, supported by critical evaluation and an awareness of contemporary and historical influences.

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# WHAT WILL I STUDY?

## Course Outline

We will follow the AQA Specification which has two components at A Level. In component 1 you will develop work for a personal investigation into an idea, issue, concept or theme supported by written material. This will count for 60% of your total A Level marks. In component 2 you will produce personal work in response to one of eight exciting starting points which will count for 40% of your total A Level marks.

## Methods & Patterns of Assessment

Year 12 - Your first year will be a stimulating and exciting time working on developing your own style. You will work on a set project encouraging you to experiment with a large variety of techniques including surface pattern, dyeing, free machine embroidery, using alternative materials, digital design, print and constructed textiles. During the year we offer trips to galleries/museums to enhance your study.

Year 13 - In your second year you will complete a Personal Investigation Project which enables you to work on a bespoke project tailored to your interests. This allows you time to create more ambitious garments/outfits, installations or textile art pieces. There is a written element to this part of the course. This is followed finally by an AQA Externally Set Assignment project, which will result in a 15 hour practical exam.

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# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

## Further Opportunities

This course can lead to all sorts of exciting career opportunities, including: textiles technologist, costume or fashion designer, fashion illustrator, journalist or stylist, interior designer, upholsterer / wallpaper designer and theatre / stage designer.

## Transferable Skills

A Level Art Textiles will help you to develop many transferable skills such as: creative application and risk taking, independence and flexibility; critical thinking, analysis and reasoning; planning and organisation.



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