



### Overview:

If you enjoy the challenges posed by manipulating fabrics, exploring textures, experimenting with exciting techniques, and love designing textiles, fashion and interiors, then A Level Fashion and Textiles may just be the right subject for you. The course is extremely varied, covering all aspects of the subject from exploring the working characteristics and physical properties of fibres and fabrics, designing and making for realistic situations, to the study of fashion trends and textiles since 1900. A Level Fashion and Textiles offers all sorts of opportunities to students as it has such a broad and exciting specification.

### A Level Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles.

This is a two year course comprising a 45 hour design and make project of the students' choosing (50% of final grade) and 2 written papers (both 2 hours) at the end of the second year of study.

Paper 1 will include core technical principles and core designing and making principles. 25% of final grade

Paper 2 will include additional specialist knowledge. 25% of final grade

### Expectations:

Students would be expected to take responsibility for their learning to enable them to develop a full understanding and appreciation of Fashion and Textiles. Extensive reading of subject related material is to be recommended. This might include articles concerning fashion or textile designers, extracts from novels to give context to the history of fashion etc. Sixth form students are encouraged to use the resources available whenever possible and have almost unlimited access to the Textiles Room and the facilities there. It is expected that students would complete a summer task prior to starting the A Level course in September.

### Extra-Curricular Activities/Independent Learning Opportunities:

Students are encouraged to join in with any Creative Faculty visits to Galleries and Exhibitions whenever possible.

### Career Pathways:

Textiles can open up all sorts of career opportunities for students.

**These include:** Fashion Buying and Marketing, Fashion and Textiles Design, Foundation Garment Design, Textile Technologist, creating new specialist fabrics and finishes, medical textiles, costume design for the theatre and television, geo and agricultural textiles e.g. flood defence systems, engineering applications, discovering new sustainable fibres and millinery.

### Good combinations of other subjects to study with Fashion and Textiles are:

Art, English, History, Chemistry, Business Studies.

### Student Testimonials:

*"Studying a creative subject has enabled me to use my initiative and helped me to work independently. The knowledge and skills I have learnt are also really useful in my other subjects too."*

*"I love Textiles because I find it so enjoyable as a subject. It gives me the opportunity to be creative and expressive through illustrative and practical work."*

*"I really love Textiles because it's such a fun, practical subject. It allows me to be creative and expressive through designing and making products, giving me the opportunity to develop my skills whilst working on my own or as part of a group."*

*"I came into A Level Textiles without a GCSE course, but I was provided with lots of help and guidance to catch up. I love the creative side to the course which pushes me to be innovative and develop my skills."*