



A LEVEL FASHION AND TEXTILES

AQA Design and Technology:
Fashion and Textiles

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This A Level is AQA A Level (Design and Technology) Fashion and Textiles.

Unlike the D&T GCSE, the A Level has a specific Fashion and Textiles focus.

The Exam and NEA are each worth 50% of the final grade.

The NEA (Non Exam Assessment) is a Design and Make project of your own independent design. You will carry out all of the processes involved in a Design and Make project to produce a high quality prototype (see the examples of student work).

There are 2 exams;

Part 1 covers the Technical Principles;

Materials, components, finishes, industrial and commercial practice and manufacture, Health and Safety, enterprise and marketing, amongst other topics.

Part 2 covers Designing and Making Principles;

Design methods and processes, design theory, the impact of technology, tools and equipment, responsible design, as well as other topics.

HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?

You will be taught through a combination of practical and theory lessons.

In year 12 you will build upon your practical skills and techniques through practical tasks and experimentation, in order to prepare you for your NEA.

Theory lessons will be a mixture of written and practical tasks depending on the topic, you will be expected to keep notes during discussions and practice exam questions.

In year 13 we will divide our time between the theory topics remaining and your NEA work. NEA work will be carried out independently, some tasks can be completed at home. All NEA practical work must be completed at school however.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

There are a wide variety of University and Further education courses that are linked to the topics covered in this course.

These may be Design based courses such as 'Fashion' or 'Textiles design', as well as product and other more specific design courses, 'Costume Design' or 'Fashion Knitwear Design' for example.

There are many business courses with links to fashion that could appeal, for example 'International Fashion Management and Marketing' or 'Fashion Buying and Merchandising'.

There are also many technical design and engineering courses that link with science and maths, such as 'Materials science and engineering with Textiles Technology' or 'Garment technology'.

Other courses that may link well with English A Level or Media Studies include, 'Fashion Journalism' or with Psychology 'Psychology of Fashion'.

