

GCSE Option: Textile Design

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Course Structure & Overview

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus: 8204/C

Component 1: Portfolio (8204/C) 60%

Component 2: Externally set assignment (8204/X) 40%

Textile design is the creation of designs and products for woven, knitted, stitched, printed or decorative textiles that might have a functional or non-functional purpose.

Students will develop knowledge and understanding through a variety of learning experiences and approaches whilst developing the skills to explore, create and communicate their own ideas.

Students are assessed on their achievement towards the following four assessment objectives:

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.

Course Content

The GCSE is made up of two components.

Component 1: Portfolio – 60% of GCSE

A portfolio that consists of a sustained project evidencing the journey from initial engagement to the realisation of intentions and a selection of further work undertaken during the student's course of study.

Component 2: Externally set assignment – 40% of GCSE

Students respond to their chosen starting point from an externally set assignment paper evidencing coverage of all four-assessment objectives.

Skills Developed

Textile design involves:

Demonstrating the ability to use textile design **techniques and processes**, appropriate to students' personal intentions, for example: weaving, felting, stitching, appliqué, construction methods and printing.

Demonstrating the ability to use **media and materials**, as appropriate to students' personal intentions, for example: inks, yarns, threads, fibres, fabrics, textile materials and digital imagery.

Progression Routes

Textile design provides a strong foundation for further study at AS and A-level as well as vocational pathways including BTEC Art and apprenticeships.

Future Careers

Careers directly related to textile design include: Clothing/textile technologist, Colour technologist, Interior and spatial designer, Fashion designer, Textile designer

Careers where textile design would be useful include: Graphic designer, Printmaker, Product designer, Retail buyer, Working within education, or Visual merchandiser.