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DESIGN TECHNOLOGY  
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# GCSE DESIGN TECHNOLOGY FASHION AND TEXTILES



## COURSE CONTENT

Fashion and Textiles is an exciting course for those students who enjoy designing and creating. This course offers students the opportunity to design and make a number of different products using a wide range of suitable fabrics and components, and to enable them to showcase a variety of decorative and construction techniques. Projects will range from garments to fashion and interior accessories.

In Year 10, students develop skills and expertise within a wide range of practical projects, enabling them to understand and practise skills required in garment manufacture and surface decoration. Students can expect to experience the latest technologies and learn about the latest manufacturing techniques.

In Year 11, students will undertake a non-examined assessment (NEA) that showcases the skills they have developed in Year 10 and the knowledge they have developed within the theory lessons. The substantial design and make task will allow students to consider a range of design possibilities, produce their own design brief and specification. They will then generate their own original and creative ideas, show development, plan for manufacture, and then analyse and evaluate.

## ASSESSMENT

### **Non exam assessment (NEA)**

Between 30 and 35 project work hours, and 50% of the final mark.

Practical application of:

- Core technical principles
- Specialist technical principles
- Designing and making principles

**Written paper** - 2 hours, 50% of the final mark.

### **Section A – Core technical principles**

A mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions assessing a breadth of technical knowledge and understanding.

### **Section B – Specialist technical principles.**

Several short answer questions and one extended response to assess a more in depth knowledge of technical principles.

**Section C – Designing and making principles** A mixture of short answer and extended response questions.

## PROGRESSION & FUTURE CAREERS

This course provides an excellent grounding for pupils thinking about Fashion and Textiles at A level or any fashion, textile, design, or creative career. Students will develop valuable and sought after transferable skills, including communication and team work, time management, and an opportunity to work and express themselves creatively, along with an in-depth knowledge of a wide range of commercial processes and environmental responsibilities .

## WEBSITE

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