

Exam Board: AQA

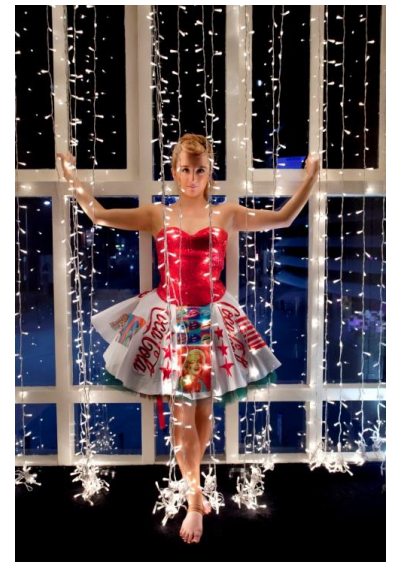
Course Overview

This course involves working primarily with textiles in a fun environment in the activities of designing and making. Students will work to briefs, researching, analysing, designing and evaluating whilst developing practical skills and theoretical knowledge. The course allows students to develop consideration for their design decisions and those of designers in the world in which we live.

Use of ICT, CAD and CAM and an understanding of industrial practise, the impact of the textile industry on the environment, together with smart, modern, technical and electronic textiles and their applications are all important features of the course. An emphasis on creativity and innovation runs through every project.

Course Breakdown

- Introduction to the sewing machine with samples of various stitches and construction processes like seams, edge and hem treatments produced.
- Skills based project with the production of an equipment bag created using a variety of embellishment techniques including CAD/CAM. Samples included in students theory folders.
- Homework is built in to schemes of work to support classroom learning and issued on a regularly.
- Manufacture of children’s clothing from recycled materials to be donated to international charities.
- Short projects using smart, modern, technical and electronic textiles
- Controlled Assignment – GCSE 45 hour project begins in Year 10 and continues into Year 11.
- Exam Theory and revision covered before students go on Examination leave.



Assessment

- Assessment of coursework and homework is ongoing. Students will have the opportunity for self and peer assessment and parents are also invited to be involved in the process during the Controlled Test.
- Trial examinations at end of Year 10 and before the examination period in Year 11.
- Controlled Test marked by teaching staff and moderated by AQA examiners.
- Written 2 hour examination at end of Year 11.

Coursework Requirements

- Equipment bag project and theory work, Autumn term of Year 10
- Child’s Clothing Project Spring Term of Year 10
- Short materials based projects in summer Term
- GCSE Controlled Test begins Summer Term of Year 10 and completed February of Year 11
- GCSE Examination preparation ongoing until exam leave



Qualities needed for success in the course:

- A genuine interest in Design, Textiles, Fashion, Interior Design and making textiles products.
- Enthusiasm, motivation & hard work.

Possible paths in Post 16:

- AS & A2 Art & Design : Textiles / 3D Design / Graphic Design
- Advanced GNVQ courses in Art & Design, Fashion and Textiles, Interior Design etc., offered at various F.E. Colleges