

Art & Design: Textiles A Level

The WJEC syllabus encourages a broad approach that allows students to develop a sound grounding in several textile areas. It is able to accommodate particular areas of interest that you may wish to pursue.

Although a GCSE Textiles Design or Art grade C pass is usually required for taking the A level course, students that can demonstrate the necessary skills will also be considered.

The main skills developed through this course include;

- The artistic-creative knowledge and understanding associated with textiles.
- Research, analysis, discussion and evaluation of textiles techniques and products.
- The development of specialist terminology related directly to textiles design processes.
- Organisation, selection and communication of ideas, solutions and responses in creative and original ways.
- How ideas, feelings and meanings can be conveyed and interpreted through textiles.
- A variety of practical skills using a range of textile materials.
- Course content includes, woven, bonded, knitted, printed and embroidered textiles, costume design and fashion.

You will need to spend at least 5-7 hours per week of study time on homework tasks to continue and add to coursework. You will be expected to attend a primary research visit that will be organised early in Year 12. You will need to seek opportunities to broaden your knowledge and understanding of Textile Design through visits to exhibitions and the purchase of specialist materials will be necessary throughout the course.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Year 1	Coursework
Year 2	Coursework Unit Exam Unit

CAREER OPTIONS

The usual route of entry for Higher Education is via a one year Foundation or BTEC Course. Degree courses are available offering a wide range of Art and Design subjects.

CAREER OPTION CONT.

Some careers may require specific qualifications at degree level and more detailed information should be obtained from your careers advisers. There are many opportunities in Art and Design and it is also worth noting that both standards and competition are high.

Below is a selection of possible careers linked to Art and Design.

Costume Designer	Fashion Designer	Knitwear Designer
Fabric Designer	Art Teacher	Textiles Teacher
Pattern Cutter	Interior Designer	Set/Theatre Design
Prop Maker	Upholstery Fabric Designer	Fashion Buyer
Milliner	Footwear Designer	Dyer
Textiles Technologist	Weaver	Knitter
Tailor	Seamstress	Bag Designer
Lace Maker	Designer Tailor	Floor & Wall Covering Designer
Wedding Dress Designer	Underwear Designer	Swimwear Designer
Environmental/Military/Medical Textile Designer		

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