

GCSE Textiles

What will I learn?

"I wish I had invented blue jeans: the most spectacular, the most practical, the most relaxed and nonchalant. They have expression, modesty, sex appeal, simplicity—all I hope for in my clothes." —**Yves Saint Laurent**

Textile Design is a versatile practice that involves the creation, selection, manipulation and application of a range of materials such as fibres, yarns and fabrics, and processes such as weaving, knitting, stitching and printing to create designs and products. Textile designers work in multi-disciplinary ways to create ideas, materials and techniques for different applications. Textile designers also play an important role in the world of fashion, theatre, performance and retail.

What do I need to know before I can start the course?

You need have no specific prior knowledge before you start the course, but some general experience using a sewing machine will help you.

What does the course involve?

There are many skills, techniques, materials, processes and concepts that are essential to all areas of study in Textile Design. Students should develop a practical knowledge and understanding of the use of formal elements and visual communication through a variety of approaches, the use of observational skill to record from sources and communicate ideas, characteristics of materials such as natural and synthetic, functionality, recyclability and sustainability, properties of colour, texture and light, the effects and creative potential of combining and manipulating different two-dimensional and three-dimensional materials and media and the use of digital and/or non-digital applications. Students will develop at least one of the following areas of study. Constructed textiles, Digital textiles, Dyed fabrics, printed fabrics, fashion design, installed textiles, soft furnishings, stitched and/or embellished textiles.

What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

Textiles can be further studied at A level and will lead to careers such as a fashion designer, textile designer, interior and spatial designer, colour technologist or a clothing/textile technologist.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Please see any of the Creative Arts teachers.

What websites can I check out?

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/textiles/

www.edexcel.com

www.textiles4u.wikispaces.com/