

AQA – Art Textiles

Within GCSE Art Textiles, students will get to develop and apply the knowledge, understanding and skills within the context of Art Textiles. Art Textile design is defined as 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 experience a range of practical workshops allowing them to explore and expand their technical and creative skills whilst developing their personal themes.

Students will complete two units of work, Component 1 (Coursework) 60% and Component 2 (Exam project) 40%.

Students are required to work in one or more area(s) of Art Textiles, such as those listed below, they will get to explore all of these areas before they specialise.

Fashion design & illustration, Costume design, Constructed textiles, Printed and dyed textiles, Surface pattern design, Stitched and/or embellished textiles, Soft furnishings and/or textiles for interiors, Digital textiles, Installation textiles.

As part of unit 1, students will produce two separate projects as part of their coursework. They will have from the beginning of Year 10 to December of Year 11 to complete these projects. Their final outcomes will be individual final pieces in which they design and plan themselves. Students will get a 5-hour mock exam in Year 10 and Year 11. Students will have the opportunity to also go on a Gallery trip to London in Year 11.

Students will complete their coursework and submit this in December 2024; this is worth 60% of the course. They will then start their Exam project in January 2025. Students will sit 1 practical exam which will be 10 hours over 2 consecutive days, this is planned and rehearsed by the students well in advance. They will sit this exam in April 2025, this is worth 40% of their final grade and will mark the end of the course.

All GCSE Art Textiles work is then celebrated in a big exhibition in July 2025 at TDA, this an opportunity for parents/carers and students to come and see the work produced by our GCSE and A Level students.

Useful websites with more information are below:

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[Textiles - GCSE Art and Design Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)