A Level Textile Design (AQA)

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Explore. Create. Innovate.

Step into the exciting world of fashion and textile design at Urmston Grammar School, where creativity meets craftsmanship. This dynamic A Level course allows you to express yourself through a wide variety of materials, techniques, and processes. From embroidery, weaving, crochet, and printmaking to dyeing, fabric manipulation, and garment construction. You'll have the opportunity to develop original outcomes in areas such as fashion design, costume, accessories, and body adornment; all while building the skills and portfolio needed for further study or a creative career.

What is the course about?

This two-year course is perfect for students who are passionate about fashion, textiles, and design. You'll explore a wide range of creative approaches to working with fabric, learning practical skills such as sewing, crocheting, dyeing, and surface decoration. With access to our well-equipped classrooms and one-to-one support, you'll be guided through the process of developing your ideas into final textile or fashion outcomes, from initial concepts and sketches to finished products.

What will I study?

Over the duration of the course, you'll explore key topics and techniques including:

- Creative embroidery – both hand and machine stitching
- Textile printing – applying pattern and imagery through various printing methods
- Fabric manipulation – folding, pleating and distorting materials to create texture form
- Dyeing techniques – experimenting with methods such as tie-dye, dip-dye and more...

Your learning will be project-based, with personalised guidance to help you develop your own style and area of interest.

What do I need to take this subject?

You'll need a strong interest in fashion, textiles, or design, along with creativity and attention to detail. If you haven't studied either at GCSE, we will ask to see a portfolio of creative work this would include drawings, photography, handmade items, or personal design projects.

How can I prepare for this course?

To get ready for A Level Textiles, you can:

- Practice sewing, knitting, or crochet to build your confidence with different materials
- Research the work of fashion designers and textile artists to develop your understanding of design trends and techniques
- Visit galleries, exhibitions, or fashion shows to gain inspiration
- Try small creative projects at home, such as printing or dyeing your own clothing

Where can this course take me?

A Level Textiles opens the door to a wide range of creative futures. It provides a foundation for:

- University degrees in Fashion Design, Textile Design, Costume Design & Surface Pattern Design
- Creative careers such as fashion designer, textile artist, costume designer and stylist

You'll also gain valuable transferable skills in creativity, critical thinking, research, presentation, and project management - all of which are highly regarded in many sectors.

Course Highlights at Urmston Grammar:

- A final End-of-Year Exhibition to showcase your work
- Access to excellent facilities and equipment
- A focus on individual creativity and personalised learning pathways