

Textiles

Examination Board: AQA

Why study Textiles?

Textiles Technology is ideal for students who enjoy practical work such as drawing, designing and physically making textile items. It is very creative and inspiring involving candidates to research, collect data, develop ideas, relate to a target market, trial and test, experiment and refine to produce a final textile product to a high standard. The specification has been designed to encourage candidates to take a broad view and to develop their capacity to design and make products and to appreciate the complex relations between design, manufacture and marketing. The full A-Level course is made up of 4 units including a written paper in which candidates will be expected to learn and understand the technical aspect to Textiles. The course is also supported by visits to exhibitions to see professional work at first hand.

The application of creative skills and the ability to generate ideas and concepts in response to a brief are becoming increasingly sought after by employers in many sectors. Studying Textiles can lead on to careers in fashion, tailoring, clothing/textile technology, interior and spatial design, printmaking, retail buying and teaching along with many more.

Entry Requirements

Ideally pupils will have followed a textiles or design course at GCSE level and attained at least a B grade.

Subject Specification

AS level

Unit 1: Materials, Components and Application (2 hr. written paper worth 25% of the full A-level).

Unit 2: Learning through designing and making (Coursework (approx. 50 hrs) worth 25% of the full A-level).

A2 level

Unit 1: Design and manufacture (2 hr written paper worth 25% of the full A-level).

Unit 2: Design and making practice (Coursework (approx. 60 hrs.) worth 25% of the full A-level).

Further Information

Students or parents requiring any further details are most welcome to contact Mrs N Mwebe, Subject Leader for Textiles (nm@oswestryschool.org.uk).

