

Fashion & Textiles

A-Level

What is the course about?

Students will explore the creative, commercial and technical aspects of fashion, studying major historical design styles and movements such as Art Nouveau, Pop Art and Punk as well as influential fashion designers including Chanel, Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen.

In addition, You will study socio-economic influences: street culture, music and media, world events, the rise of youth culture and anti-authoritarian attitude, music, film, royalty and celebrities as well as the role of women in society, design theory and other associated topics.

Students will develop skills in a range of communication and presentation techniques for conveying design proposals; this could include the use of mixed media, drawing and photography.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

Students should have creative flair and motivation to explore a wide variety of new fabrics and techniques and a willingness to develop and learn both independently and as part of a group. To study the course you will need at least a 5 in GCSE Textiles or a related subject such as Graphics. There is a Science and Mathematics focus in the course content so you will also need to have at least a level 5 in Maths and a Science subject.

Are there any special considerations I need to be aware of?

The practical assessments will sometimes require students to arrange some of their own visits in order to research their chosen topic and to purchase their own materials for them.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

The textiles industry is one of the largest employers in the UK. There are many career opportunities: buying/merchandising, marketing, garment and fabric technology, fashion/textile design.

This course is fully recognised by university admissions. Degree courses include: Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Fashion Buying and Merchandising, International Fashion Promotion, Business Management and Marketing amongst others.


Assessment Exam board: AQA

How is it assessed? 50% exam (maths and science contribute 15%) 50% non-examined assessment (NEA). NEA consists of a single design and make activity. Students are free to choose their design.

What if I need further advice or information?

 Speak to a member of the department textiles@wootton.beds.sch.uk

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