

Design & Technology in the Sixth form

We offer two linear A level courses which lead from our GCSE subjects:

Why study Textiles?

A level Textiles is not only a vastly creative subject in which anyone can discover their passion, it is also one of the UKs leading industries. It allows ideas and concepts to become reality, combining the personal expression of the art world with the fast paced passion of the fashion industry. Throughout this you will experiment with a wide range of textiles fabrics and techniques including pattern drafting, creative pattern cutting, fabric manipulation and decoration. You will research, explore, develop and refine your own concepts and passions into professional standard products. You will have the opportunity to create at least one extended collection of work based on an idea, concept, theme or issue of your choosing. This course is highly practical with a focus on manufacturing and designing to the highest standard.

A level Design & Technology: Product Design explores how designers from the past and present develop innovative products from lighting to furniture to interior design. This course incorporates graphics, electronics and resistant materials subject content and encourages students to develop their own design briefs. Material areas can either be combined within one project or students can specialise in one material as part of the non-examined assessment (50% of the final grade). A design folio of research, sketching and CAD drawings will be produced which lead to making the final product in this assessment. During year 12 students will complete a series of mini projects and regular theory lessons in preparation for the final assessments in year 13.

Career and future study options:

Both courses can lead in a number of different study and career directions in any creative field. It links directly to a number of higher level degree courses studied at university or through an apprenticeship.

Possible career routes include:

- Fashion Design
- Textiles Design
- Graphic Design
- Costume Design
- Interior Design

Furniture design

Architecture

Manufacturing industries

- Fashion Merchandising and Buying
- Advertising and Marketing

Engineering

- Fashion Journalism
- Set Design