

Design & Technology in the Sixth form

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

A level Fashion & Textiles prepares students to embark on a career or higher education in design, retail or textile manufacturing. Students will explore how a range of garments are developed, and learn how to create their own patterns. The non-examined assessment (50% of the final grade) allows students to develop their own design brief based on the work of their favourite designer, cultural influences or for a specific client. This project incorporates a design folio, sampling of a wide range of techniques and the final product.

During year 12 students will complete a series of mini projects and regular theory lessons in preparation for the final assessments in year 13. The mini projects are designed to help develop a portfolio of work which students can then take to an interview.

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.

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