A Level Design & Technology summer holiday work 2025
Textiles

A Level Fashion and Textiles is **50% Coursework** and **50% Written Exam**.

Why should you spend time preparing for your D&T Textiles A Level?

This is a creative and exciting A Level, with links to industry and a clear progression to art, design and business courses at university. But as with all A-Level courses, **it's a big step up from GCSE!** You'll be expected to work much more independently and take ownership of your work. **Get a head-start by doing some preparation over the summer…**

Theory task

A section of your theory for next year will focus on influential designers.
Your task is to choose one of the following designers and create a designer profile based on them. You can choose whether to complete this on computer/ by hand
This should include:
- Introduction to the designer
- Images of their work
- Description of the impact they have had on the fashion industry
- Analysis of your favourite work (can be a collection / garment)

Designers to choose from:
- Vivienne Westwood
- Alexander McQueen
- Coco Chanel
- Mary Quant
- Christian Dior

Practical task

Our first unit of practical work will be a series of workshops in which you learn a variety of textile techniques.
Research 2 out of the following techniques & produce an outfit design for each technique (template attached).
The inspiration for the outfits must be your chosen designer from the theory task.
Techniques to choose from:
- 3D Shibori
- Sublimation print / disperse dye heat transfer print
- Quilting
- Gathering / flounces / shirring
- Free machine embroidery
- Applique / reverse applique

Your design should include a front and back view and explain why you have selected this technique + how it has been inspired by your chosen designer. Make the design unique – should not be a copy of the designer's work! Give their style a contemporary update!

In your first lesson back you will be handing in (must be printed):
- Designer profile
- 2 x outfit designs (both using different techniques and inspired by your designer)