Textile Design A Level

Board: AQA, Specification 7204
(GCE Art & Design Textile Option)

Contact Miss A Pott apott@robertsmyth.tgacademy.org.uk

The Course

The course has been designed to:

- Concentrate and develop the topics and skills you want to:
  - Project themes can be tailored to personal interests very easily.
  - Students create textile design under the art and design specification, which includes fashion design, textile art, costume design or interior design.
- Give you a variety of new skills in techniques such as: fabric manipulation, heating and burning, felt making, printing, etc. Also, to enhance existing skills such as embroidery and garment construction, amongst many others.
- Reward hard-working students, as entries are made into external competitions each year.
- Give students the opportunity to work with visiting artists and to prepare for the next stage of their education, such as Foundation in Art Course or fashion degree.
- Give students regular feedback and assessment in the form of tutorials.

Course content and assessment

Two components of work will be produced over the two-year course.

Year 12

Skill development: A "portfolio" of work, made up of several small projects. This will include a summer project, skill development workshops and a project to put all the skills into practice. Component 1 will begin before the end of year 12.

Year 13

Component 1: The "Personal Investigation" gives students the opportunity to investigate and respond in-depth to a topic of their personal choice.

Component 2: An exam project set by the exam board, with a final piece is produced under exam conditions.

Your work will be assessed with four objectives, which assess your ability to:

- Develop ideas through sustained investigations.
- Experiment with materials, media and techniques.
- Record observations and insights into thoughts and ideas.
- Demonstrate critical and analytical understanding, review and refine work and support practical work with the correct use of language.
- Present a personal project, which is informed and meaningful.

This enjoyable but demanding course gives students a broad variety of opportunities and prepares you for the next stage in creative education.