## How to be successful in....

## AQA -

## GCSE Textiles.

How is the course assessed?

Portfolio - 60% of the total grade

Externally set task - 40% of the total grade

In Component 1 and Component 2 students are required to work in **one or more** area(s) of textile design, such as those listed below:

- •fashion design and illustration
- •costume design
- constructed textiles
- printed and dyed textiles
- •surface pattern
- •stitched and/or embellished textiles
- •soft furnishings and/or textiles for interiors
- digital textiles
- •installed textiles.

They may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas.







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#### Knowledge, understanding and skills

Students must develop and apply the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the subject content to realise personal intentions relevant to textile design and their selected area(s) of study.

The following aspects of knowledge, understanding and skills are defined in further detail to ensure students' work is clearly focused and relevant to textile design.

### Knowledge and understanding

The way sources inspire the development of ideas, relevant to textile design including:

- how sources relate to cultural, social, historical, contemporary, environmental and creative contexts which might be determined or influenced by functional or non-functional considerations
- how ideas, feelings, forms, and purposes can generate responses that address personal needs or meet external requirements, such as client expectations and any associated constraints.

The ways in which meanings, ideas and intentions relevant to textile design can be communicated include the use of:

- figurative and non-figurative representations, stylisation, simplification, surface embellishment, constructional considerations and imaginative interpretation
- visual and tactile elements, such as:
- •form
- tone
- texture
- shape
- pattern
- composition
- decoration
- repetition
- •scale
- structure
- •surface.





#### Skills

Within the context of textile design, students must demonstrate the ability to:

- use textile design techniques and processes, appropriate to students' personal intentions, for example:
  - weaving
  - felting
  - stitching
  - appliqué
  - construction methods
  - printing.
- use media and materials, as appropriate to students' personal intentions, for example:
  - o inks
  - o yarns
  - o threads
  - o fibres
  - fabrics
  - o textile materials
  - o digital imagery.

Top tips for success

100% attendance.
Use key terminology.
Look in art and design books to gather inspiration from designers and styles
Know the mark scheme so you know where to concentrate your efforts.

Meet all deadlines and attend intervention if invited.

Be creative and think outside of the box and have fun.

# How can I meet this Assessment objective?

Use the words in the assessment objective to help you understand what it is you should do:

- <u>Personal and meaningful response</u> –Your response to a source should be personal to you. What your feelings and reactions are. It must be meaningful by relating to your source inspiration. Make sure everything links and is not random.
- <u>Demonstrates understanding of visual language</u> being able to combine different textures, colours, techniques in an aesthetically pleasing way.
- Aesthetics the way things looks

### Reflection on entire project:

You DO NOT need a whole project reflection, however if you have the opportunity and are stuck on what to do next, it is a nice touch.

What was your initial theme and how were you inspired by it?

How did you begin your research? Why?How do your samples reflect your own ideas (i.e. your personal response)

What would you do differently? Why?

If you were to develop this theme / project, how would you do it? Why?

#### Next Steps.... Creating a final piece

Though you can demonstrate AO4 throughout your sketchbook, a final piece will help you secure marks.

- Make sure you have developed you design ideas
- Select the design you would like most to make
- Sketch out your final design, planning what techniques you will use where
- Plan your making step by step to make it

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Present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and demonstrates understanding of visual language.



# Ways of showing a personal response

- Creating your own designs
- Developing your designs
- Creating a sample inspired by a source
- Creating a developed sample inspired by a combination of sources
- Producing a final piece (fashion or interiors)

Developed Sample:

Sample inspired by a source

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Sample inspired by a different source

Developed sample using combined techniques

#### Key Points to Remember

A personal response is *any* response where it is your own work.

It is not just your final piece, it is all individual work throughout your folder

You can be inspired by designers but don't copy them, because this is not personal i.e. your own work.

Record the step by step process of creating any developed sample final piece – you can do this with photographs or sketches

# Websites where Designers talk about their work and inspiration

Sometimes it is difficult to come up with a personal response! The below links show some designers talking about their design and inspiration process. Seeing how they come up with their ideas, might help you come up with your own.

 $\frac{https://fashionunited.uk/news/fashion/10-fashion-talks-to-watch/2018102239556}{}$ 

https://www.designboom.com/design/interview-with-fashion-designer-carla-fernandez-05-14-2014/

https://www.instyle.com/awards-events/fashion-week/new-york/fall-2017-designer-inspiration







