

OPTIONS COURSE

FASHION

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QUALIFICATION

BTEC

FACULTY

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

STAFF CONTACT

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WHAT QUALITIES & SKILLS DO I NEED?

You should be enthusiastic and creative and have an interest for fashion and textiles and want to develop your artistic and sewing skills. You need to have a good imagination and enjoy using designing and modelling skills, as well as sewing skills to bring your ideas to life.

COURSE FOLLOWED

[Pearson Art & Design](#)

WHAT WILL I DO ON THE COURSE?

In Fashion and Textiles you will have the opportunity to design and make a range of products for different scenarios from interiors through to fashion and accessories retailers. The course also enables you to explore and use a range of different textiles techniques from around the world along with using new technologies such as CAD/ CAM.

You will have fun and be challenged by the range of practical activities possible. You will be encouraged to use different media, to create and develop your fashion illustration skills. You will also learn different manufacturing and pattern cutting skills to realise your ideas and prepare you for the world of work.

You will have the opportunity to create your own fabrics, by using a range of new and traditional materials and techniques. Along with exploring the influences on past and current fashion designers, as well as designing and working with a wide range of materials to create products for the interior of a café.

HOW IS THE COURSE ORGANISED & ASSESSED?

The course is 25% external assessment, 75% coursework. The course is made up of four units; two core units and two mandatory units. Three of the units are external assessments which are practical based where you either design or make a product based on a design brief given by the exam board. You are given information prior to your external assessment units to enable you to research and plan for what you want to design or make. The first unit have been design to give you grounding in art and design specialism before moving on to the specialist working with textiles and working with fashion units



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PROGRESSION ROUTE FOR THE COURSE?

BTEC Level 3 Creative courses; BTEC Level 3 Design, BTEC Level 3 Fashion & Clothing, AS/A2 Art and Design, AS/A2 Photography

DO YOU HAVE TO DO ANY WRITING?

Yes. There is some writing as part of the controlled assessment, mainly annotation of your ideas and summarising each design sheet. The extended writing will take place in your evaluation.

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WHAT WILL I MAKE?

You will make a number of mini-projects in which you will learn skills you can apply to your final Controlled Assessment project. We will use a range of materials such as depending upon which area of D&T you choose to specialise in. You will learn how to cut and shape them as well as join different materials together and apply a finish. You will also look at how your ideas would be industrially manufactured and their environmental impact.

HOW IS THE COURSE ASSESSED?

You will be continually assessed throughout your mini-projects to assist in the prediction of your final grade. Your Controlled Assessment is worth 75% of your overall mark and the written exam is worth 25%.

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO IN THE EXAM?

The external assessment will test your problem solving, creativity and making skills. You will be given twenty hours preparation time to research and develop a final design based around a theme and design brief given by the exam board. During the ten hour exam assessment period you will make and evaluate your final outcome.

WHAT IF I'M NOT GOOD AT DRAWING BUT I AM GOOD AT MAKING?

All of the Design & Technology subjects require some drawing skills to be applied. However, most of the marks for this subject are applied to how well you can make your products. You can always use computer aided design if you are not very good at drawing.

WILL I HAVE AN EXERCISE BOOK OR A FOLDER?

You will use A3 sketch books to store your project work. You will be given a separate sketch book for your external assessment.

WILL THERE BE ANY ICT WORK?

Yes, you will work with computers on a regular basis to use the internet as a research tool, 2D and 3D CAD software, word processing for your Controlled Assessment, transferring digital images to your folder as well as using specialist Technology software to improve your knowledge of materials and processes.

