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| Course name: Textiles |
| Which course/ syllabus will I be following?  Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Art and Design - Textiles |
| Reason  You should study this course if you enjoy being creative, want to increase your practical skills and improve your analytical, communication and research abilities in Textiles. If you study this course, you should have a keen interest in Textiles and be willing to explore your ideas through a wide range of techniques.  While studying this course, you will discover a wide range of textile techniques, developing your own skills and ideas in the following textile areas: textile garments, digital textiles, dyed fabrics, printed fabrics, fashion design and illustration, stitched and embellished textiles. You will have the opportunity to explore a range of project themes in order to produce and present a body of work including drawing, analysing, evaluating, designing and making. You will also develop skills in creative thinking, problem solving, IT skills, research and analytical skills, time management, self-motivation, adaptability, organisation and communication.  Further to developing and improving your practice skills in the above areas, you will also learn how to develop, refine and record your ideas, present a personal response that realises your intentions, improve your creative skills through the effective use of textiles, materials, techniques, processes and technologies and use drawing skills for different purposes. |
| How is the course assessed?  This course is assessed through two units of study.  **Component 1**: a personal portfolio project. This is worth 60% of your overall grade and is a portfolio of work that is internally assessed and externally moderated. You will produce a body of work and present the work you have done that represents the project you have undertaken.  **Component 2**: an exam-based assignment. This is worth 40% of your overall grade and takes the form of a 10 hour examination (exam conditions in a classroom) where you will create a personal response that is internally assessed and externally moderated. You will complete one of the tasks set by the exam board, this will include preparation time and 10 hours of supervised exam time. |
| Which careers/ post 16 courses will this course help me to prepare for?  This course will help you to prepare for many creative courses post 16, including a range of A-Levels or Vocational course. This could include courses in Textile Design, Design and Technology Fashion and Textiles and Art and Design.  The transferable skills you gain during this course will still be valuable for other areas of study unrelated to Textiles. You will develop problem solving, creative thinking, investigation, research, communication and teamwork skills, and gain the ability to develop, refine and present ideas. Employers and universities regard all of these highly.  Career progression routes could lead to Fashion design, Illustrator, Textile design, Interior design, Fashion and media, Retail design, Exhibition design, Artist etc. |