

Art/Textiles

**Exam Board Details:**

AQA Art/Textiles

The examination paper is issued to pupils early January. Pupils chose 1 question from a choice of 7.

10 hour practical exam sat over two days.

**Weighting**60% medium controlled assessment (coursework). This is a combination of drawing, fabric sampling and testing and then a final piece which could be anything from a wall hanging to a hat!

40% practical examination

**What is being studied this year:**

**Autumn Term**

The Year 11 focus for the Autumn Term is a fashion project. The theme we are currently using for this project is ‘Flight’. Pupils choose how they interpret this theme and then chose an artist on which to base their work. Pupils then develop their Textile work from this theme, specifically looking at colours, shapes, patterns and textures.

Practical work should show a high level of development. Pupils are strongly advised to do more than the minimum as higher marks are achieved by improving and enhancing (developing) their original ideas.

**Spring Term**AQA examination board issue the question paper for the practical exam. There are a choice of 7 questions and the pupils chose one to work with. There is always a wide range of ideas included in the question choices. Pupils then work independently during lessons in the Spring Term to prepare for the practical exam. They start by choosing artists to inspire their design work. Pupils then prepare for the 10 hour practical exam by trialling and testing different techniques and ideas. They should have finalised a plan for the exam before they enter the examination room. Pupils are allowed to take all of their preparation work into the exam with them and indeed are strongly encouraged to do so.

**What Can You Do To Support Your Child?**

Encourage your son/daughter to attend the weekly workshop sessions. These are held on Monday of week A and Thursday of week B.

Be prepared to listen to your son/daughter talk through their ideas with you. While you may feel you have no particular expertise to help them, talking through their ideas and thoughts will help pupils to formulate and develop their own ideas and is time well spent.

Pupils may need some extra items to support their practical work such as coloured thread that we may not have at school. A visit to a haberdashery shop could be most helpful nearing exam time. We do our best to provide all materials that pupils require and will always support pupils with any financial hardship.