

## **Fashion & Textile Technology**

### **National 4/5/Higher**

#### **Why take this course?**

Fashion and Textiles Technology enables learners to develop an understanding of textile properties, characteristics and technologies, item development, fashion/textile trends and factors that affect fashion choice. The Course particularly emphasises the development of practical skills and textile construction techniques to make detailed fashion/textile items, to an appropriate standard of quality.

#### **To succeed in this course, you need...**

You must have a keen interest in fashion and textiles. Ideally you will have had experience of working with textiles both in and out with school. Students will be considered for this course with limited experience however you must show a true willingness to gain new skills.

As this course is based on practical work, good attendance is crucial to maximise your potential. From time to time, you will be expected to work hard in your own time to complete project work.

#### **Course structure and Content**

##### **Textile Technologies**

This unit develops detailed knowledge and skills related to textile technologies. This includes the characteristics and properties of a range of textiles and their uses. You will have the opportunity to make fashion/textile items, using a pattern and a range of textile construction techniques, using equipment and tools safely and correctly.

##### **Item Development**

In this unit you will explore fashion/textile trends and the development process. You will work with given briefs to develop solutions for detailed fashion/textile items based on those trends by planning and making items to an appropriate standard of quality.

##### **Fashion and Textile Choices**

In this unit you will develop and apply your knowledge and understanding of a range of factors affecting the fashion and textile choices of consumers. You will investigate the fashion/textile choices of different consumer groups and develop solutions for items to meet these needs. You will make and evaluate detailed fashion/textile items, with a focus on factors that affect fashion and textile choice.

##### **Course Assessment**

At the end of the course pupils must have completed all units.

National 4 pupils will select an assignment from a given range to produce a fashion/textile item. This will form 100% of the mark and is internally assessed.

National 5 pupils will select an assignment from a given range to produce a fashion/textile item which tests skills, knowledge and understanding developed during the course. This will form 70% of the mark. Pupils will also complete a question paper forming the remaining 30%.

Progression from National 5 would be the Higher Fashion & Textile Technology.

##### **Essentials**

Pupils will be expected to contribute to the cost of fabrics or source their own when required.

##### **Where might this course take me?**

This course would ideally suit students interested in further study related to the creative industries. However there are a range of transferable skills that can meet many future careers such as teaching.