

# A Level Fashion & Textiles at OLA

**Specification** - A Level Design & Technology: Fashion & Textiles  
**Awarding body:** AQA

A Level Fashion & Textiles is a two year A level course which is all assessed at the end of the second year. The assessment comprises of three parts; two written exams and one extended design and make project, responding to a design brief, decided by the student.

**Exam Paper 1** - is a two and a half hour exam which assesses the technical principles relating to materials and their applications, performance characteristics of fabrics and modern and commercial production methods.

This exam is made up of a mixture of short answer and extended response questions. It carries 120 marks and is worth 30% of the final A Level grade.

**Exam Paper 2** - is a one and a half hour paper which assesses the core designing and making principles involved with Fashion and Textiles. This paper explores design theory, responsible design and how technology and cultural changes impact the work of designers.

The paper is divided into two sections:

Section A - Product analysis: 30 marks

Up to 6 short answer questions based on visual stimulus of product(s).

Section B - Commercial manufacture: 50 marks Mixture of short and extended response questions. This exam is made up of short answer and extended response questions . It carries 80 marks and is worth 20% of the final A Level grade.

**Non-exam assessment (NEA)** - The NEA is student led project which comprises of a written or digital design portfolio and photographic evidence of final prototype. The NEA has three assessment objectives; identify, investigate and outline design possibilities, design and make prototypes that are fit for purpose and analyse and evaluate. The NEA is marked out of 100 and is worth 50% of the final A Level grade.



**Results 2017**  
**100% A\* - C**  
**All students on**  
**or above their**  
**baseline grades.**

## **Who should study Fashion & Textiles?**

You should choose Fashion & Textiles if:

- You are interested in creating your own designs, and turning them from 2D ideas to wearable garments.
  - You have a desire to go on to be part of a \$3 Trillion dollar industry.
  - You are interested in trends and current fashions, and would like to shape what people wear in the future.
- Are interested in using computer aided design to communicate your ideas.
  - You want to understand where fibres and fabrics come from and how to be a responsible designer

## **Where can Fashion & Textiles lead?**

**There are 126 universities in the UK offering Fashion and Textiles based degrees, not all courses are design based. There are courses in Fashion Marketing, Fashion Buying, Fashion journalism, even specialist Fashion Law courses exist. There are also many different careers in the fashion industry, from Pattern cutting to Stylist, Knitwear designer to Visual Merchandiser, the possibilities are endless .**