

THE PRIORY ACADEMY

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Sixth Form Induction Day

Fashion and Textiles Taster Session



Introduction

- **Let's get to know each other!**
Introduce yourself and tell us about your previous knowledge and experience of Textiles and why you have opted for an A-Level in Fashion and Textiles.



The bigger picture!

- 50% examination based on technical principles (30%) and designing and making principles(20%). You will sit 2 A-level exams at the end of Year 13.
- 50% NEA iterative project based on an in-depth investigation into a chosen context and the design, manufacture and evaluation of a suitable product.
- Topics include:
 - Fibres, yarns and fabrics
 - Garment construction
 - Manufacturing methods
 - Designers and design movements
 - Fashion history
 - Project management
 - Environmental impact
- What your week will look like:
One study session per week, 4 lessons, at least one theory lesson per week with regular exam practise questions. Two practical tasks in Year 12 before beginning the NEA in February.



Top tips for studying Fashion and Textiles at A Level

- **Rigorous deadlines** – create a calendar to ensure you are sticking to them, it is easy to fall behind!
- **Proactivity** – use your free and study time wisely
- **Know the content** – once a topic has been covered, use your textbook to make revision notes to ensure the information has been embedded!
- **Inspiration** – always be on the lookout for images, fabrics, video links etc that will inspire your design work
- Complete the summer tasks to give yourself a head start.
- **Organisation**: make sure you are equipped with note books and ringbinders to help you store all of your resources to refer back to for revision
- **Practise** – if you have a sewing machine, using it over the summer will be incredibly beneficial.

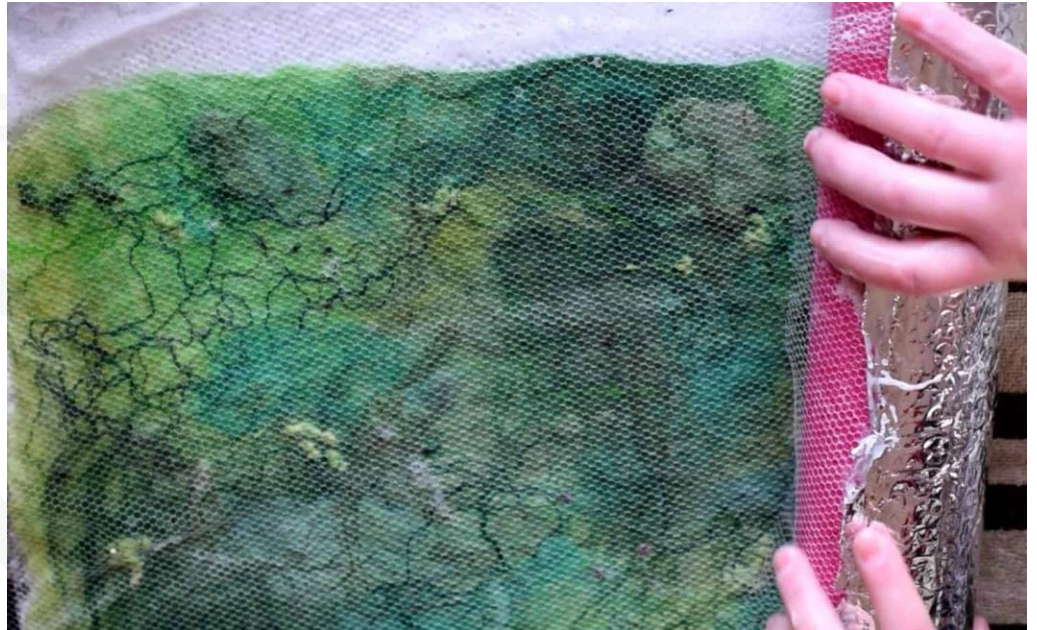


Activity

Today we are going to do some felt making!

1. Organise yourselves into pairs
2. Collect the following: a sheet of bubble wrap, a rolling pin, a towel, a range of pieces of wool fibre, 2 pieces of netting
3. You will also need access to a spray bottle with soap and water in

<https://youtu.be/EGOm9EnCyVk>



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What do I need to do to prepare before September?

Please list things that need to be done before September. These listed below need to be included if possible.

- Over the summer make sure you complete the transition work which can be found on the website and also handed to you today!
- This needs to be handed in on the first lesson back in September.
- Look at the specification from the examination board. [A-level Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles Specification Specification for first teaching from 2017 \(aqa.org.uk\)](#)
- If you want to purchase a text book in preparation this one is very useful [AQA AS/A-Level Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles | The AQA Bookshop](#)