Course Information...

...about GCSE in DT: Textiles

Examination Details	Assessment Details
AQA 4570	1 controlled assignment (60%) 1 written examination (40%): 2 hours
	All pupils are entered for the same tier.

Course Information

Preparation Sheet

All pupils are issued with a preparation sheet on 1st March. This sets the theme and context for Section A of the examination.

Examination

- All questions must be answered:
- Design questions (Section A) requiring labelled sketches and use of coloured pencils etc.
- Short answer questions e.g. specifications, properties of fabric.
- Planning questions requiring sequencing e.g. flow chart.
- Long answer questions requiring factual recall e.g. manufacturing of item, correct terminology.

Controlled Assessment (coursework) Information

- One controlled assessment, choice of nine titles provided by the department (60% of final mark)
- Space limitation of 23 sheets A3 paper (25 incl. contents and bibliography, pupils must be concise)
- Emphasis on use of ICT and drawing skills
- Pupils must photograph their finished outcome and all stages of development and making
- Tasks are completed under direct supervision (except for research)
- Controlled Assessment given out in Year 10
- Deadline: Year 11 (Practical, one week before February half term, written coursework 2 weeks after February half term)
- Pupils will be required to research their chosen Task/Design brief to inspire their work. They can access a
 guide to the controlled assignment via the school's shared area: Year 11; Technology; Read Tech; GCSE
 Textiles; Controlled assignment samples EGT; GCSE Textiles Coursework booklet 2012

Additional Recommendation

- All pupils will need an A3 folder to bring design work into each lesson.
- Coloured pencils, rulers, fine fibre tip pens etc.
- Computer discs or USB sticks to store homework and coursework but remember to save backups (this is essential as pupils will be developing their work at home and within school).

Steps to Success...

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1	Keep up-to-date with coursework. Draft out work ahead of the deadline and give it in to the teacher for proofreading, and then improve it.
2	Be concise. Use a small font and only write about relevant information (remember the space limitation of 20 sheets A3).
3	Attend GCSE clubs and ICT sessions for one-to-one support and advice.
4	Use ICT to present work and spell check.
5	Ensure that all design work is labelled in detail and that you keep all samples from the practical work for the folder work (controlled assignment).
6	Read the whole paper first because one question leads to the next.
7	Remember your pencils, rulers, calculator and colouring pencils.
8	Read every question twice before starting and fill in every question.
9	Check the mark allocation and make sure you have given one fact for every mark available.
10	Use the figure outline given to you to help with presentation.
11	Learn your design and annotations. Know all about the fabric components and manufacture that you will use.

Useful Resources:

CGP AQA D&T Food Technology Revision Guide, Exam Practice Workbook & Answers AQA Design & Technology, Textiles Technology. Nelson Thornes ISBN 9781408502754 Textiles Technology Through Diagrams. J. Down. Oxford Revision Guides ISBN 0198328346 Textiles Technology to GCSE. J. Down. Oxford Press ISBN 0198328133 Design and Make It: Textiles Technology. A McArthur. Stanley Thornes ISBN 0748724710 www.dupont.com www.bsieducation.org www.helenhudspith.com www.gorefabrics.com www.marks-and-spencer.com www.isew.co.uk www.Tencel.com www.fabrics.net/weaves.asp www.cotton.org www.apparelsearch.com www.butterick.com www.gossard.com www.textile-recycling.org.uk www.samlearning.com www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design