

GCSE TEXTILES REVISION



The exam is split into two sections; section 1 is the design task and section 2 is theory knowledge. Combined the exam is worth 40% of the final GCSE and coursework is worth 60%.

For the exam students cannot take in any preliminary material, such as previous sketches/templates. **They must take in coloured pencils**, a rubber, sharpener and a pen to write with.

DESIGN SECTION OF THE EXAM WORTH 35/120 MARKS:

The design brief for the exam is given to students before the exam, this allows them to research and prepare exactly what they are going to design in the exam. The brief is below:

“To design a Textile product inspired by the theme of India.”

Students will need to research **India** and textile **decoration techniques**. www.pinterest.com is a fantastic website where students can create their own board of images.

Before the exam students will need to have: fully researched the brief, produced x2 initial ideas and x1 final design to draw in the exam. (Remember students cannot take these designs into the exam, they will have to draw them from memory).

Marks are given for: Choice of fabrics and components, Use of India theme, Suitability for target market, Sustainability, Use of colour, Presentation, Quality of annotation, Originality and quality of design and Decoration techniques.

THEORY SECTION OF THE EXAM WORTH 85/120 MARKS:

See below steps to ensure your son/daughter is supported in their exam:

1. **Revision guides:** AQA GCSE textiles revision guide (Available online) OR Essentials GCSE Design and Technology Textiles Technology Revision Guide (All students purchased this in Year10).
2. **Work booklet:** Teacher has already distributed a 30 page GCSE info booklet and a 33 page work booklet. Students will be expected to work through this in their free time.
3. **Past papers:** from 2007-2013 are available from school.
4. **Apps:** Textiles technology and DT Textiles GCSE are two brilliant apps.
5. **Class folder:** Students have a revision folder with all their current class work to revise from.
6. **Websites:** www.textiles4u.wikispaces.com

General revision: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/textiles/>

Fabric revision: <http://www.sda-uk.org/materials/materials%20types/materials-types.htm>

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