

What will Year 7 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Year 7 students currently have two lessons every two weeks where they focus on Art and Design for one half term and then Design for Textiles Technology the next. Overarching topics enable a flow from Art and Design into DT Textiles, retaining a consistency of approach and allowing work in Art to inform and enable the work in DT. Alongside improving practical expertise, students will learn how to:

- develop, refine and record ideas
- present a personal response that realises intentions
- improve creative skills through the effective and safe use of media, materials, techniques, processes and technologies
- successfully use visual language and the formal elements e.g. colour, line, form, shape, tone, texture
- use drawing skills for different needs and purposes.

What will Year 7 students need to bring with them to lessons?

Students will need:

- Blue/Black biro
- Pencil, eraser, sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Ruler
- Any project work taken home
- Hairband for long hair (if sewing/ironing)

Will Year 7 students have homework in this subject? How much?

In order to reflect and consolidate their knowledge and prepare for upcoming lessons, students are required to undertake one piece of homework in Art / DT Textiles each fortnight. This will take the form of written work, design ideas, project work or revision for assessments.

How can I support my child at home with their learning in this subject?

As a parent, you can effectively help with your child's learning by checking through their completed homework - have they read the task correctly and included all required information? Supporting your child by asking them relevant questions when they are revising is also a great help. On those weeks when your child is involved in a making project, asking your child about their next steps will also benefit them in their practical lessons. Whilst the school provides general materials required for project work, there may be specific materials/embellishments your child would like to bring in.

What opportunities are there for further study and careers in this subject?

Students may continue to study either Art and Design or Design Technology to GCSE and A-Level. If your child enjoys being creative, wants to increase their practical skills and improve their analytical, communication and research abilities, both subjects are great choices. Design is a way of seeing things and making sense of the world around you. It can help you with further study and prepare you for the world of work. Try these for starters:

- Fashion design
- Graphic design
- Theatre designer
- Animator
- Video game designer
- Illustrator
- Museum curator
- Photographer
- Architecture
- Product design
- Textiles design
- Ceramics
- Advertising
- Publishing
- Interior design
- Fashion and media journalism
- Hair and make-up design
- Retail design
- Exhibition design
- Jewellery design
- Artist
- Visual media
- Teaching

New technologies are creating a whole new range of courses where art is being used in innovative ways.