

Bridging the Gap

Preparing for A level Fashion and Textiles

Over the summer make the most of any textiles opportunities to broaden your knowledge ready for the course.

Out and About

If you visit any cities in the UK or abroad make the most of the opportunity to visit Galleries and museums which feature textiles exhibitions:

- Near Bath **The American Museum** has a collection of quilts made by the early settlers in America (<http://www.americamuseum.org/>)
- In London **The V&A** features 20th Century fashion as well as historical costumes from other countries including China, Japan and India www.vam.ac.uk/collections/fashion/
- In London **The Fashion and Textiles Museum** exhibits fashion from 1950 to the present day (www.ftmlondon.org/)

Any of the above Museums also offer online courses and Webinars that you could attend virtually.

Use the internet or guide books to find out about textiles exhibitions near your holiday destination – take pictures and make notes which could be used for research in your AS coursework

The Media

- Make a collection of articles from newspapers and magazines which focus on textiles "issues" (environmental, social and moral) and any new developments in textile products
- Read Fashion magazines use websites such as Vogue (www.vogue.co.uk/) and Elle (www.elle.com/) (www.londonfashionweek.co.uk)(<http://www.britishfashioncouncil.com>) (<http://www.drapersonline.com>) to keep abreast of the latest trends in fashion and the work of current designers.
- Watch documentaries (SKY, YouTube and BBC I player) which focus on textiles issues, textiles manufacturing, the latest developments in textiles and the work of designers.

Read

- Get to know 2 or 3 favourite designers using the internet and books **Textiles at the cutting edge by Lesley Cresswell ISBN-10: 1-899527-17-6** is recommended for the course so it is worth getting a copy early
- Fashion design drawing books can be very useful when you are designing **Figure Drawing for Fashion Design ISBN 978 90 5496 080**

Make Textiles Products

Practice using the sewing machine if possible. It would be a good idea to make something for yourself – maybe a summer dress for your holiday using a commercial pattern or a bag for the beach!

Fabric and components are available from www.jaycotts.co.uk www.macculloch-wallis.co.uk as well as shops locally.

New Complete Guide to Sewing: Step-By-Step Techniques for Making Clothes and Home Accessories (Reader's Digest)

Useful website guide to Fashion and Textiles:

Fashion magazines and subscribe to online newsletters for free:

Vogue: www.vogue.co.uk/

Elle: www.elle.com/

Information websites on trend and designers:

www.londonfashionweek.co.uk

www.fashiontrendsetter.com/content/color_trends.html

<http://www.gfw.org.uk/> - graduate fashion week

<http://www.colette.fr>

Current industry news:

<http://www.britishfashioncouncil.com>

<http://www.drapersonline.com>

<http://fashion.telegraph.co.uk/news-features/>

Key designers:

<http://www.viviennewestwood.co.uk/>

<http://www.johngalliano.com/>

http://www.dior.com/file/prehome_new/index.html

<http://www.isseymiyake.com/> - pleats please

Paul Poiret

<http://www.chanel.com/>

Alexander McQueen

Mary Quant

Sewing tips

<http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/uk/>

Fashion history

<http://www.fashion-era.com/>

British standards

<http://www.bsigroup.co.uk/>

Useful books:

Fashion designers:

Fashion Now – Taschen – ISBN - 978-3822840757

50 Fashion Designers You Should Know (50 You Should Know) [Illustrated]

[Paperback] - Simone Werle – ISBN - 978-3791344133

General:

Fashion Design (Portfolio) - second edition, Sue Jenkyn Jones –

ISBN - 978-1856694360

Fashion Entrepreneur: Starting Your Own Fashion Business (Fashion Design Series) – Sandra burke – ISBN - 978-0958273305

Textiles at the cutting edge by Lesley Cresswell –ISBN-10: 1-899527-17-6

Fashion drawing

Figure Drawing for Fashion Design ISBN 978 90 5496 080

9 Heads book, A Guide to Drawing Fashion [Paperback] - Nancy

Riegelman - ISBN - 978-0970246332

Sewing

The "Reader's Digest" Complete Guide to Sewing [Hardcover] – ISBN -978-0276446412

For any additional books see the website below:

<http://store.aqa.org.uk/qual/gce/pdf/AQA-2560-W-TRB-RL.PDF>