**Higher Fashion & Textile Technology**

**Course Overview**

The course develops pupils’ knowledge, understanding and skills related to fashion, textiles and industry. Pupils explore a range of issues that influence decisions taken by industry and choices made by consumers, and also how the fashion industry affects society and the environment.

The course is practical and experiential.

Pupils will construct the following Fashion and Textile items during the year:

* Design and manufacture a Backpack suitable for a teenager using recycled materials
* Design and manufacture a dress inspired by a decade of fashion
* Design & Manufacture a fancy dress costume suitable for a 5 year old child that has an embellishment

**Course assessment structure:**

**Question paper** - 45 marks

**Assignment** - 60 marks

**Practical activity** - 40 marks

The question paper gives candidates an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills.

The assignment and practical activity are inter-related and are assessed using one task. Candidates carry out one task — designing, planning, making and evaluating a fashion/textile item — which provides evidence for both components.

As this is a practical course, we ask for a contribution of £30 per year to help towards the cost of materials.

As a department we are committed to being sustainable and the majority of the fabric we use is kindly donated or recycled from unwanted garments, this enables us to minimise costs to pupils as much as possible.