

Yr12 Fashion & Textiles – Summer Tasks

1. Investigate context ideas to be used as a starting point for your coursework task. This will be an extended project, which might begin with any of the following starting points:
 - A story/lyric/fable/legend etc.
 - An issue in the news/media that you feel passionate about.
 - A link to one of your other intended A-levels, such as a historical period, or global issue.

You will be asked to share your idea in the first week of lessons. Have a few images ready to illustrate the direction you would like to head in, and produce a simple mind-map full of your early thoughts.

2. Fashion illustration is an important part of the course. Use your time over summer to develop your skills in this area. Use a Pinterest board to collect images of illustration styles which inspire you. Try and draw in the styles of those artists. Explore different mediums such as collage, inks, watercolour to show fashion ideas.
3. If you have access to Netflix. I would highly recommend that you watch 'McQueen'. The movie/documentary explores the career of Alexander McQueen. McQueen's work regularly appears in the year 13 A-level exam.

Example year13 exam question: Alexander McQueen was inspired by nature. Evaluate how his work reflects this theme. Give examples from a variety of his fashion collections in your answer. (9 marks)

4. Sustainability, reduction of plastic, diversity etc. are all big issues currently. Keep an eye on the news, read articles, make notes, become engaged with the current fashion issues. It will help you when it comes to year 13 exams.

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