



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

A Level Fashion and Textiles

Purpose of task:

To consider a product that you will manufacture in September for a specific client.
This work will form the first page of the manufacturing project in the autumn term so it is essential that you are prepared for this project by completing the three tasks set.

Task:

After consultation with your client:

1. Print out four commercial pattern ideas of suitable products. You will be manufacturing one of these in September. It should demonstrate more skills than your GCSE product.
2. If possible obtain a minimum of three suitable fabric swatches for the product.
3. Draw an A4 illustration of your product and annotate it. You must use a fashion template for this. Your illustration can use a variety of media and I would recommend that you research fashion illustration techniques for inspiration.

Recommended resources:

1. A good website for commercial patterns is www.jaycotts.co.uk

2. Shops (depending on the lockdown) that you could get fabric swatches from are:

- So 'n' Sews – Weymouth
- Hanson Fabrics – Sturminster Newton
- Steve Bane Fabrics - Dorchester
- Livingstone Textiles – Bridport
- Fabric Land – Poole
- Amazon and Ebay

3. To help with fashion illustration:

- Use the internet or library to print or trace a fashion figure template.

Additional information:



In order to achieve a high mark for this part of the portfolio you will need to;

- Ensure that the product is innovative, develops your skills from GCSE, allows you to work accurately to demonstrate a range of high level decorative and construction skills using a range of materials.
- Base the product on a commercial pattern and adapt it in some way.
- Higher level skills could be demonstrated in an adult garment.
- Show creativity in your drawing. Treat the page like a sketch book and include any preliminary sketches or development work.



Recommended reading & activities list:

- AQA Design and Technology Fashion and Textiles by Pauline Treuherz. Available to borrow from the school library and to purchase online for £44.00
- For revision the following textbook is a condensed version of the above book.
- My Revision Notes: AQA A-Level Design and Technology: Fashion and Textiles Paperback – 2 Author: Kate Bush Publisher: Hodder ISBN-13: 978-1510449275 £22

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 14th September 2026

