



## AS / A2 Textiles

### **WHY TAKE TEXTILES?**

Do you enjoy working with fabrics, colour, pattern and texture? This course will give you the opportunity to progress onto a textile design / fashion - based / fibre arts university course.

### **WHAT ARE THE KEY AREAS OF STUDY?**

The AS units consist of practical coursework, which is an open ended project based on a set theme, linked to critical research. There is also an externally set practical examination project with an eight week preparatory period and a five hour timed exam in which you will produce your final outcome.

The A2 units consist of a practical assignment with a supporting 1500 word illustrated essay set by you after discussion with staff. There is also an externally set examination project with an eight week preparatory period followed by a fifteen hour timed exam.

### **WHAT SKILLS WILL I NEED AND DEVELOP?**

You will work with traditional and contemporary textile techniques, in both 2D and 3D, producing fabrics, wall hangings, costumes or fashion accessories. You will develop research and evaluative skills by studying historical and contemporary textile and fashion designers and artists as well as developing your problem solving skills as you work through your assignments. Critical and creative skills will be enhanced as you initiate, develop and realise your ideas through a personal, practical art and design working process.

### **ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS I NEED?**

You will need to have an interest in Textiles and have at least a grade C GCSE in an Art and Design subject or the equivalent.

### **HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?**

All units are internally assessed and then externally moderated at the end of the year. At the end of each unit, staff will assess your work, give you feedback on your progress and give you time at the end of the course to revisit and improve on your coursework units where appropriate.

### **PRIESTLEY EXTRA**

Gallery visits are an important part of both the AS and A2 programmes. You will have the opportunity to listen to visiting speakers from university and from industry. You will also visit local university end of year degree shows.