

## TEXTILES AT OPEN ACADEMY

Our school vision **“Courage in every step, faith in every journey”**

Students will explore the art and craft of textiles as a vehicle for creative expression, cultural communication and practical skill. Throughout their time at Open Academy, students will develop their design thinking, technical dexterity and aesthetic awareness as they work with a range of materials, processes and traditions. They will learn to see the world as designers — curious, resourceful and sensitive to context.

RESPECT	ASPIRATION	PERSEVERANCE
Students will show respect for the rich global heritage of textile art, recognising the significance of traditional techniques from diverse cultures and communities. They will value the craftsmanship of others, treat equipment and materials with care, and approach the creative work of their peers with generosity and open-mindedness.	Students will be inspired by professional designers, textile artists and fashion practitioners to develop their own creative identity. They will be encouraged to take creative risks, experiment with processes and materials, and aspire to produce work they are genuinely proud of — understanding that the best designers are defined by their vision and the courage to push boundaries.	Students will learn that skilled textile work demands patience, precision and practice. They will develop resilience when work does not turn out as intended, using trial and error as a natural and valuable part of the creative process. They will come to understand that the ability to refine and persist — to unpick, rework and improve — is precisely what separates good design from great design.
SPIRITUALITY	GLOBAL CITIZENS	AWE AND WONDER
Textiles invites students to explore how fabric, pattern and making carry deep personal, cultural and spiritual meaning — from ceremonial garments to memorial quilts. Questions such as ‘What does this design tell us about the people who created it?’ and ‘What story do you want your own piece to tell?’ encourage students to connect the act of making with meaning, identity and reflection.	Textiles offers students a rich window into the wider world. They will explore traditions such as batik, kente, ikat and embroidery from a range of cultures, developing an appreciation of how design is shaped by history, geography and identity. Students will also consider the ethical dimensions of the global fashion industry and their responsibility as informed, thoughtful consumers.	Students will encounter examples of extraordinary textile artistry — from ancient tapestries to cutting-edge sustainable fashion — and be encouraged to find inspiration in the unexpected. Handling high-quality materials, encountering works of breathtaking craft and producing finished pieces that exceed their own expectations all offer moments of genuine creative discovery and delight.