



St Benedict's

Catholic High School, Alcester

22nd September 2017

Ref: New GCSE Textile Course for Year 10

Dear Parents

I am writing to you regarding a recent decision made by the Department for Education, about the proposed AQA Technical Award in Fashion and Textiles.

Unfortunately, this qualification along with several other Technical Award subjects, has not received the required accreditation we had hoped for. This decision was not announced until the start of September and as you can imagine, this has come as a great disappointment after many hours of planning and preparation for this new course.

After some discussion within the Technology department and with Mr Gibson, we have made the decision to follow an alternative course. This will be OCR GCSE (1-9) in Art and Design: Textiles.

The nature of this course does not differ very much from the Technical Award your son/daughter originally signed up for and is structured as follows:

60% Coursework – a portfolio of practical textiles work

40% Examination – a 10-hour practical exam.

To summarise, the only major difference with this course is there will be less theoretical teaching and revision for your son/daughter and more practical experience throughout. There will be slightly more emphasis on design/drawn work compared to the Technical Award.

Within my 26 years of Textiles teaching in several schools, I have taught both styles of these Textiles courses. I feel confident that this is the best choice of course for your son/daughter to now follow and I am happy to discuss this further with you if you have any questions.

I would be grateful if you could sign and return the reply slip on the next page, to confirm you have read this letter.

Yours sincerely

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REPLY SLIP

OCR GCSE (1-9) in Art and Design: Textiles.

CHILD'S

NAME.....FORM:.....

I have read the letter dated 22nd September regarding the new GCSE Textile course.

PARENT

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

Please ask your son/daughter to return this to Miss Dale, personally, in Room 27