



## **General Certificate of Education**

# **Applied Art and Design (8511, 8513, 8516, 8517, 8519)**

**AA6-AF6 Option unit**

## **Report on the Examination**

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## **ADA6-AF6 – Option Unit**

AD06 consists of a series of six optional units of which candidates choose one. This year there were minor revisions to the titles and requirements to some of the options. Also, as mentioned in the AD05 report, the section on progression routes has moved from AD05 to the options in AD06. In many cases this proved to be a candidate's best AS unit. Some centres allowed candidates free choice from the options available whereas in others there was a limited choice of options dictated by the resources and staff available at the centre.

Some centres experienced difficulties when entering candidates for the correct option for this unit and centres are advised to check options before final entries are made.

Centres did not always check the requirements of particular options; also a problem last year; and therefore some candidates did not complete all the necessary work. It was also important that candidates worked in a vocational way and responded to the wishes of the client or audience, meeting their needs and responding to the constraints set. This could be done through a 'live' or simulated brief set in a vocational context.

ADF6 (3D design) was chosen by few centres and, as in other years, ADA6 (Drawing and painting or printmaking), ADB6 (Photography, film and video), ADC6 (Graphic design), ADD6 (Public Art) and ADE6 (Textile art and fashion), were the most popular. One important change which not all centres had realised is that in ADA6 there is now a requirement for Drawing and painting **or** printmaking. Printmaking is now an option.

The Textile art and fashion option, ADE6, was popular with candidates, many producing a finished textile or fashion article. The summary, used to justify the design solution for the client, has improved this year, with some candidates producing in-depth evaluations.

## **Mark Ranges and Award of Grades**

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