

A Level Dress and Textiles (9332)

What is the course book?

No one book is prescribed. There are a number of suggested textbooks, or you could look at the websites below, which give advice and links to related sites:

Giles R. – Needlework – Methuen

Ladbury – Fabrics – Sidgewick and Jackson

Taylor M.A. Technology of Textile properties.

Useful websites:

www.butterick.com

www.fabrics.net

www.mccall.com

www.simplicity.com

I am having problems getting hold of the recommended books. Can you help?

Most of the texts can be obtained over the Internet. The following web-sites may be of interest:

- www.amazon.co.uk
- www.heffers.co.uk

What support materials are available?

- Syllabus
- Specimen Question Papers and Mark Schemes

All the above are available from CIE Publications

Is International A level equivalent to UK A level and how do universities regard International A level?

Yes, the International A level is equivalent to an UK A level and is of an equivalent standard. The best place to find out about acceptability of CIE examinations by British universities is the UCAS website at www.ucas.co.uk/quals/intquals/apps.html.

How will the students be assessed?

This syllabus is available for examination in November only.

There are three parts to the scheme of assessment for Dress and Textiles

Paper 1 is a 3 hour written question paper. The date of the examination can be found in the examination timetable. There are three sections, which deal with Sections A, B and C of the syllabus. Candidates will need to answer 5 questions, with at least one from each section

Paper 2 is a **Practical Examination**.

Paper 3 is **Coursework**.

When should the students do the Coursework?

The investigation can take place during the normal school day or as homework. The coursework must be completed by 1 November. All coursework, including folders, marksheets and all practical tests including shopping lists, must be sent for marking immediately after the practical examination session. Each candidate will need to complete coursework cover sheets.

Where can I find copies of Coursework Cover Sheets, Practical Planning Sheets and the Practical Examination Summary Sheet?

Copies of these are printed in the syllabus. You can make photocopies of them for use by the Candidates in your Centre.

How is the practical assessed?

Candidates can only be entered for this subject if there are reasonably adequate premises and equipment, and a qualified and independent practical examiner, who is recognised by CIE, is available. They will assess the suitability of materials and designs as well as the workmanship shown by the candidate. This includes assessing skills in hand sewing and competence in using a sewing machine.