



General Certificate of Secondary Education

*Design and Technology
(Textiles Technology) Short Course
3557*

Report on the Examination

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Coursework

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Numbers following this course have decreased again this year which is an indicator that many continue to struggle to reduce the folder content while still achieving success in the making component. Unfortunately some of the work continues to resemble Full Course projects and candidates must be working in excess of the 20 hours recommended.

Comments on the design process given for the Full Course are also relevant to the Short Course and centres are also referred to that Report for information.

- There was a marked improvement in the writing of design briefs which were more appropriate for Short Course.
- Design solutions had been decided on more quickly and the most able students spent the vast majority of their time on development and making.
- Moderators continue to be very impressed with the excellent quality of made outcomes.

Conclusion

This Design and Technology specification goes from strength to strength. Our young textile designers and their teachers continue to work hard to ensure this success. We have benefited from the increase in the availability of exciting, textured fabrics, components and the wide range of textile products in our shops. With a focus on improved development of innovative designing by the candidates and improved efficiency in administration by centres this specification will reach new heights in 2007.