

December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 GCSE Textiles students,

I am writing to explain the deadlines over the next few months regarding GCSE Textiles. The deadlines are tight and therefore it is essential that students, parents and carers are aware of these dates. I will be reiterating this timeline to students again before Christmas.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – The Externally Set Assignment (ESA) will be handed to students, All students will need an A4 spiral bound book with cartridge paper for the ESA. Students then have 10 weeks to plan their 10 hour exam, set by the data office. As soon as this date is set I will inform students. From 9<sup>th</sup> January all lessons will be used to work on their exam piece and any unfinished portfolios and outcomes will need to be completed in their own time. In order to support this, I will be offering several lunchtime and afterschool sessions, as I have done all term. For your information I post these dates and times on the whiteboard each Thursday for the following week depending on my commitments.

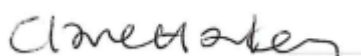
**Thursday 1 February 2024** – Unit 1 (Year10) and unit 2 (Year 11) Portfolios need to be handed in. This includes the final outcomes. Please note I have most of the unit 1 lampshade projects safely stored. There can be no extensions to this date, without speaking to the exam office, as we are bound by time constraints for marking and reporting to students as set by the exam board. Many students are just starting to plan their final outcomes now and I spend time with each of them to ensure they know what they need, in terms of fabric, for their final products. I always write a shopping list for them, however, if you are ever in doubt please contact me.

On a positive note, once the 10 hour textile exam is completed then the course is finished and students can use their textiles lessons to revise for other subjects.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above dates or information, please do not hesitate to email and I will get back to you at the earliest opportunity. Note, however, I do not work on a Friday. My email address is [chankey@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:chankey@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support of your child in Textiles, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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