**Fashion Lab Lesson Plan – Spring Term 2025**

**Saturdays with Jasmine and Elena**

**11.30am – 1pm, 1pm – 2.30pm, 2.30pm – 4pm**

**Week 1// Skills Week**

**Pattern challenge: Spectacular Sleeves!**

Working in half scale you will experiment with making techniques to create your own sleeve. We will show you how to slash and spread the pattern to create sleeve styles such as: leg of mutton, balloon, bell, puff, and more. Practise sewing sleeves to the bodice and watch how the flat pattern transforms into a voluminous sleeve which fits around the curved contours of an arm. In this part you will practise techniques such as pinning sleeve heads to arm holes, gathering, and sewing curved lines.

**Week 2:**

New students: start on beginners’ project, choice between shorts or makeup bag.

Returning students with ongoing projects: continue with projects.

Returning students with no ongoing projects: designing and pattern making for new project.

**Week3 - Half Term**:  Students continue with their projects.

***Half term***

**Week1b// Skills Week**

**Finishing touches: Closing Time!**

Create a sampler of a variety of closure techniques. Many of these will incorporate using more advanced sewing machine techniques such as using specialised feet and stitch settings, or hand sewing.

Techniques include:

-invisible zipper

-regular zipper with lining

-button hole

-creating button loop with bias tape

-sewing buttons

-sewing snaps/ press studs

-using the eyelet press

**Week 2b- end of term:**

Working towards completing garments.