

GCSE Media Studies



General Information

Description

In Years 10 and Year 11, students follow the EDUQAS Media Studies GCSE which breaks down as follows:

30% Course work and 70% External Exam.

Course Overview

The media play a crucial role in contemporary society and culture. They shape our perceptions of the world through the representations, viewpoints and messages they offer. A GCSE in Media Studies offers a broad, coherent and engaging course of study which enables you enquire, analyse, debate, judge, and discuss a range of important media issues. You will develop an appreciation and critical understanding of the media and their role both historically and currently in society; all of which will be underpinned by theoretical frameworks. You will also have the opportunity to develop your own practical media skills when you complete a creative media project.

Topic Breakdown

Year 10 - term 1

- Theoretical framework, Media Language & Representation
- Advertising within:
 - Print Adverts (Quality Street & “This Girl Can”)
 - Film industry & marketing (Spectre & The Man with the Golden Gun)
 - Magazines (GQ & Pride)
 - Newspapers (The Sun & The Guardian)

Year 10 - term 2

- Industries & Audiences within:
 - Film Spectre
 - Games (Fortnite)
 - Radio (The Archers)
 - Newspapers (The Sun)

Year 10 - term 3

Controlled Assessment: A creative and practical assignment based on a brief that the board specifies earlier in the year.

Year 11 - term 1

- Television & it’s Historical Contexts:
 - Crime Drama (Luther & The Sweeney)

Year 11 - term 2

- Music Videos & Online Media:
 - Pharrell Williams
 - Katy Perry
 - Duran Duran

Year 11 - term 3

Exam revision & practice

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Key Dates:

Year 10 - Mock Exam:

There will be a mock exam during the month of June which will cover all work to date.

Year 11 - Mock Exam:

There will be a mock exam during the month of November, which will consist of one exam paper and will last 90 minutes.

Additional Information

Assessments

Paper 1: Written Paper (Exploring Media Language & Representation, Media Industries & Audiences)

90 minutes, 80 marks, 40%

Paper 2: Written Paper (Exploring Television, Music Videos & Online Media)

90 minutes, 60 marks, 30%

NEA: (Creative Media Project)

60 marks, 30%

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