



MEDIA STUDIES - SINGLE

AWARDING BODY: AQA

QUALIFICATION: GCSE

AVAILABLE: ALL STUDENTS

COURSE OUTLINE

- Extensive and meaningful coverage of media theory and practice
- Practical work which integrates theories and concepts
- A range of assignments, both written and practical
- The chance to study across different media
- Opportunities to learn about real media products and industries.

Course requirements:

- Students must have a USB memory stick of at least 4GB
- It is expected that students will, on occasions, work after normal school hours or during lunch times to complete their practical coursework

This subject is most suitable for:

- Students who are analytical and creative
- Those who are prepared to work with technology (both Apple Mac and PC)
- Students who are able to work well with others
- Students who meet strict deadlines and are organised.

Links well with subjects like English, Sociology and Art.



ASSESSMENT METHOD

70% External Exam

Students will have to sit two exam papers at the end of year 11. Each exam is 1 hour 30 minutes in length. Questions will be focused on areas of the theoretical framework studied in class: media industries, audiences, representation and textual analysis.

30% Coursework

Students will produce coursework based on an annually changing topic set by the exam board. This could include; advertising, film trailers, magazines or any other media forms the exam board would like us to explore.

SKILLS ACQUIRED

- Opportunities for progression to A Level Media Studies and Level 3 BTEC

Specification: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/media-studies/specifications/AQA-8572-SP-2017.PDF>

Assessment: : <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/gcse/media-studies-8572/assessment-resources>