

GCSE Media Studies



What will the course cover?

Year 10

Autumn 1&2: An introduction to Media language. Paper 2 – Luther (Television, focus on TC Crime Drama).

Spring 1&2: Paper 2 – Lizzo, Taylor Swift, Justin Bieber, Stormzy (The Music Industry, focus on Music Videos & Online Media).

Summer 1&2: Media Coursework (choice from a selection Media Products, DVD Cover & Film Poster, TV Sequence, Music Video or Magazine, all with a Statement of Aims).

Year 11

Autumn 1&2: Paper 1 – Section A Media Language & Representation with focus on 2 Set Products from each of the following forms: Newspapers, Adverts, Film Posters & Magazine Covers.

Spring 1&2: Paper 1 – Section B Exploring Media Industries & Audiences with focus on the following Industries: Film Marketing (No Time to Die), Newspapers (The Sun), Radio (The Archers) and Gaming (Fortnite).

Summer 1: Paper 1&2 Revision.

How will I be assessed?

There are two exams in Media Studies. You will also complete a coursework assignment which is worth 30% of the course and can choose from the options of a short film or a screenplay.

Paper 1- Exploring The Media. 1 ½ hours. Questions on:

- Two of the Set Products and one Unseen Product
- Two of the Industries studied

Paper 2- Understanding Media Forms & Products. 1 ½ hours. Questions on:

- Television (with extract)
- The Music Industry

How will I organise my notes?

You will take notes in class in exercise books. After most films and essay will be set that enables you to write about what you've learnt. We use the acronym MELCS to help us remember key media terminology. In Y11, revision will consist of re-watching/analysing the set texts then completing a relevant mock paper on these set texts.