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Sixth Form Open Evening

**Media Studies**



# A Level Examination Results

2025	2024	2023
A*-B 86%	A*-B 67%	A*-B 41%
A*-C 100%	A*-C 89%	A*-C 83.3%
A*-E 100%	A*-E 100%	A*-E 100%



# Media Studies

“challenges your creativity and imagination”

“Uses a range of technology”

“Practical”

“A range of career pathways”

“Relevant”

“Helps support other Social Sciences”

“You’ll never watch TV/film in the same way!”

“Different to conventional subjects”

“Contemporary”

“How the media impact on our lives”

# Why Choose Media Studies

- ▶ Creative and contemporary subject
- ▶ You will evaluate and analyse media products and develop your practical skills



# Subject Content





# Media Products



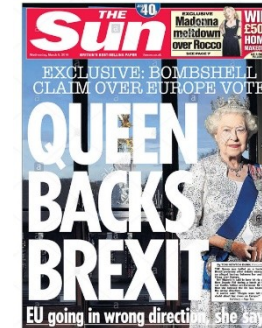
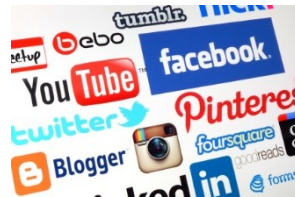
## Audio-Visual Forms

## Online Forms

## Print Forms



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# Core Content

Media Language

Media Representation

Media Industries

Media Audiences



# Media Language

- ▶ Analysis of media products
- ▶ How technology affects media language
- ▶ Consideration of narrative and genre theory





# Media Representation

- The way events, issues, social groups and individuals are represented
- The effect of social and cultural contexts
- How and why stereotypes are used



# Media Industries

- The process of production and distribution
- Patterns of ownership and control
- The impact of technology on media regulation and control



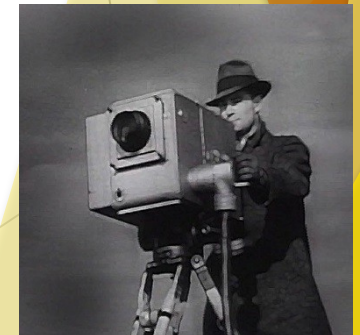
# Media Audiences

- How audiences are grouped and categorised
- How media producers target and reach potential audiences
- The relationship audiences have with media industries



# Contexts of the Media

- **S**OCIAL
- **C**ULTURAL
- **H**ISTORICAL
- **E**CONOMIC
- **P**OLITICAL





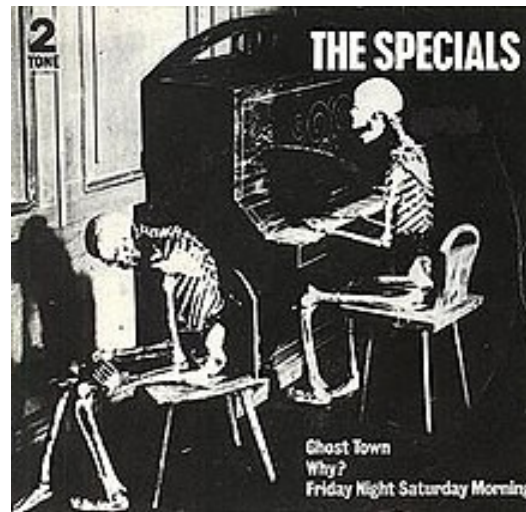
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# Daily Mail

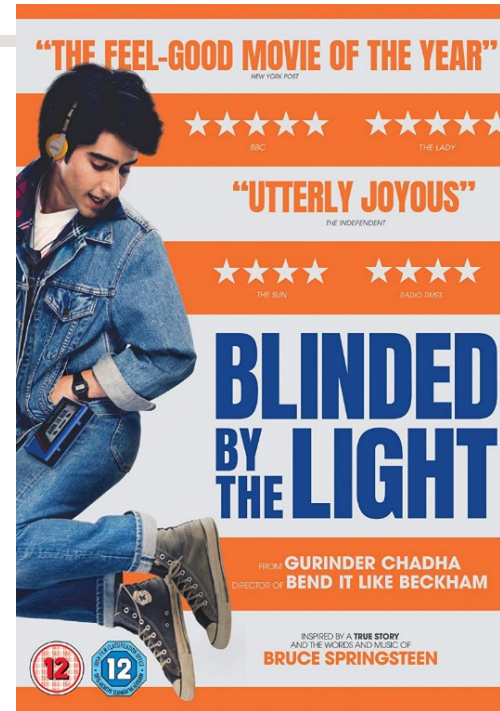
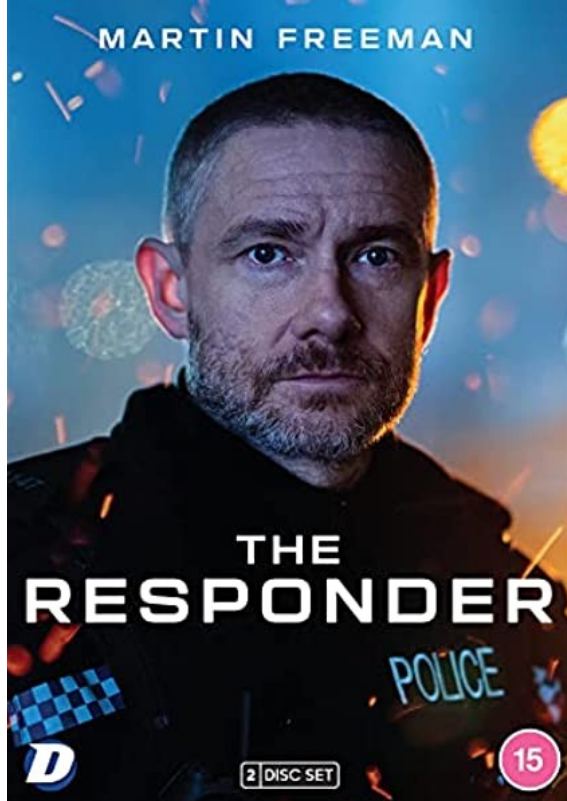


# The Guardian





# Close Study Products (CSPs)



# Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)

Statement of Intent

## Practical

Television extract

Music video

Radio

Newspaper

Magazine

Online media

Advertising and Marketing



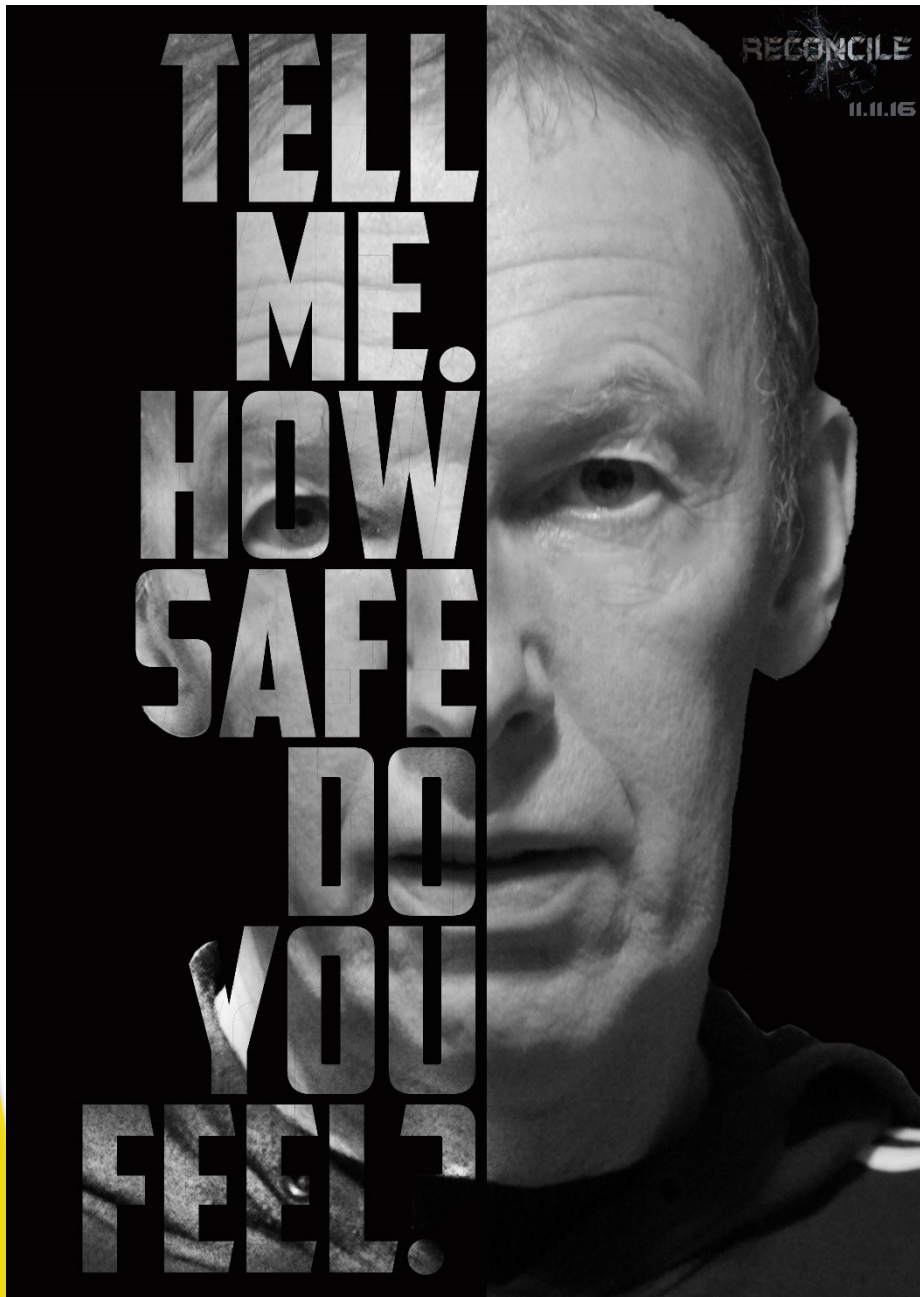




A poster for James Hartwood's 2016 tour. The top half features a photo of James Hartwood with his arms outstretched, wearing a white t-shirt that says 'NOTORIOUS' and 'BROOKLYN'. The text 'JAMES HARTWOOD 2016' is at the top. Below the photo, it says 'OCTOBER SHOWS SOLD OUT!' followed by a list of venues. The bottom half of the poster is black with white text announcing 'MARCH 2014' shows at various arenas, including Nottingham Capital FM Arena and Liverpool Echo 2. It also includes the website 'GIGSANDTOURS.COM' and 'JAMESHARTWOOD.COM'. At the very bottom, it mentions 'DEEGAN CONCERTS, LIVE NATION &amp; LANDSCAPE MUSIC PRESENTATION BY AGREEMENT WITH CODA'.







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**'I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TELL PEOPLE, NOW ITS TIME TO BE TRUE TO MYSELF'**

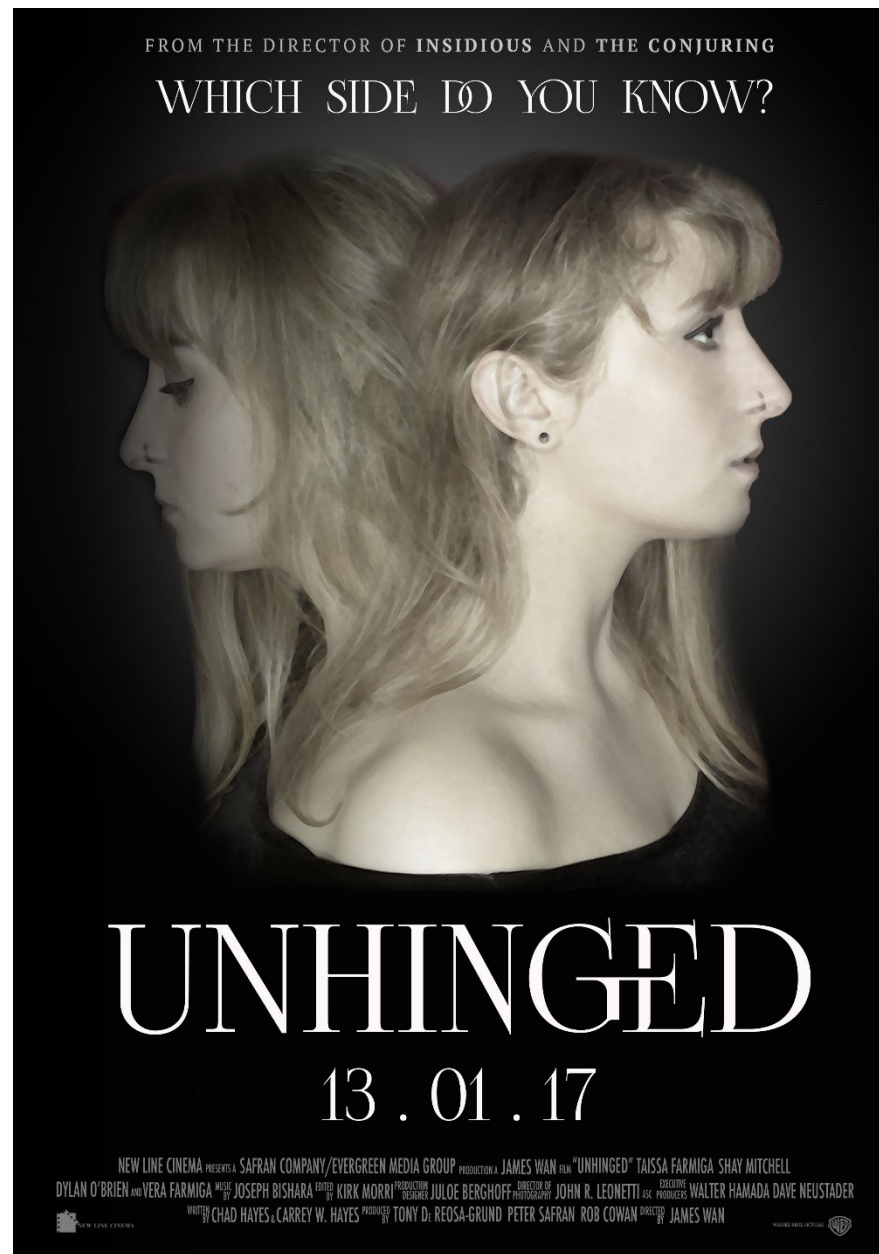
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✓ Further

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# When you have an OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, what NEXT? “NOW YOU USE IT”

*Athena Marie and Valentine Romanov are the industry's newest favourite sisters, known for their professionalism as they are for their extraordinary drive but as Vogue discovers, the sister's wicked sense of humour sits alongside their desire to change the world of the fashion industry.*

Photographs by Claire Angeli C. Bacallan. Styled by Angie Li

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the moment you hear the word 'fashion model', there are a few stereotypical images that must come to mind. A tall, skinny young woman, with society's expectations of beauty. You see an unsmiling face; a body clad in designer wear, posing for those who flash their cameras whilst strutting down the runway ramp, attempting to keep a straight face throughout the journey. Well, it seems as though this image is not always the case. Walking down the surprising isolated streets of East London on a cold, windy day, and wearing three-inch heels wasn't the idealistic way in which

we could've got to know each other. Nevertheless, they seemed to be somewhat used to it all, whilst I was there shivering as the wind blew past us. Luckily, there was a small café located at the end of Cullum Street, where we found warmth and a freshly brewed coffee. Within this space of time, we seemed to have bonded quite a bit, talking about a variety of topics – mostly regarding their journey into the limelight. I had discovered that the 18-year-old, Athena Marie, and the 20-year-old, Valentine, had both

the modelling industry after being scouted together at the age of 16 and 18. Despite this, they both had completely different experiences within the modelling industry – one having the time of her life, and the other constantly being criticized for her physique. The sisters had stated that they strongly believe that people outside of the fashion industry have an extremely warped perception of what modelling actually involves. Under the layers of gloss that creates a mystical utopia where models are constantly glamorous, have high paying shoots, free clothes and amazing parties, it's unfortunately not the life that all models, and even female celebrities, live. The ideology washes straight over all the five a.m. calls, the lack of personal space and the ten-hour days of look books, changing through hundreds of outside in shoes two sizes too small. The thought of doing so makes me feel tired just hearing that, I tell them.

"We've had many young people, especially girls, message us on our social media, asking about the standards of the fashion and modelling industry. They always seem to have a typical mind-set – when they see the models in the adverts, society exposes us to on a daily basis, they believe that they need to be exactly like them," Valentine tells us. The hardest part of her modelling career was having to deal with rejection. She had to learn that you can't take things too personally within this world of work, and that > 122

"The journey to get where we are now was pretty difficult. There were many obstacles that we had to overcome."

*Left:* Athena Marie. Black and white one-piece jumpsuit, £465. Chanel. Black oversized overcoat, £1564. Alexander McQueen. *Right:* Valentine. Black and white stripe culottes, £654. White bralette, £346. Both Dior. Black oversized overcoat, £1548. Alexander McQueen.





Suit by Paul Smith,  
£515, paulsmith.com.  
Tie by Ted Baker,  
£44, tedbaker.co.uk.  
Shirt by Hugo Boss,  
£164, hugoboss.com.

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**Fashion assistant**  
Jasmine Hyde  
**Grooming**  
George Roberts  
**Tailor**  
Emma Hall

RYAN BROWN

The **Ryan  
Brown**  
interview

'I've been  
living in  
London  
all my life.  
Nowhere else  
in the world  
is like it'

# JAMES HARTWOOD

Ahead of his  
collaboration with  
Fred Perry, James  
Hartwood talks to  
GQ about his  
thoughts on  
celebrity culture,  
the music  
industry and  
why fashion is  
becoming more  
important to  
him...

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# A Level Assessment

## Media One

### **Section A**

Questions in this section will test the following forms:

- advertising and marketing
- music video

### **Section B**

Questions in this section can test any two of the following forms:

- radio
- newspapers
- film (industries only)
- Written exam: 2 hours
- 35% of A-level

### **Questions**

- A range of questions relating to an unseen source and Close Study Products.
- Two essay questions (20 marks), one of which is an extended response question.



# A Level Assessment

## Media Two

Questions will focus on the in-depth media forms of television, magazines and online, social and participatory media/video games

- Written exam: 2 hours
- 35% of A-level

### **Questions**

- One medium length unseen analysis question.
- Three essay questions (25 marks), one of which is an extended response question and one of which is a synoptic question.





# A Level Assessment

## Non-exam assessment: Creating a cross-media production

- Application of knowledge and understanding of the theoretical framework.
- Ability to create media products.

How it's assessed

- A choice of one of six briefs
- 30% of A-level

### **Tasks Students produce:**

- a statement of intent
- a cross-media production made for an intended audience.





# Course outline

- ▶ 6 lessons per week
- ▶ Some lessons are likely to be double periods



# Expectations

## Pupil:

- ▶ Classwork and independent study are to be completed to a high standard and handed in on the agreed date.
- ▶ All pupils must make a conscious effort to contribute to class discussion.
- ▶ You need to spend 4 hours per week undertaking independent study. A large percentage of this will be reading media theory.



# **Entry Requirements**

**A very different approach from GCSE – more independent research and more time given for independent study. The responsibility lies with you.**

**You will need a grade 4/5 in English if you are to cope with the demands of the written tasks**

**If you have taken the subject at GCSE you will need a grade 5 to continue your media learning at A Level**



# University Opportunities

- ▶ Students that study Media Studies at A Level very often go on to study at university, where they pursue their passion for Media Studies.
- ▶ Some students choose to focus their degree on an aspect of media they find interesting, these include: production, advertising, design, communications, visual communication, journalism, television and film.
- ▶ Students have also linked Media Studies with English for a combined degree.
- ▶ Popular university destinations for our students:



University of  
Reading



Web Design

Public Relations

Journalism

Digital media

Film

Fashion

Games

Advertising

Animation

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