

St Francis of Assisi
Catholic College
Sixth Form Open Evening

Media Studies



A Level Examination Results

2026	2025	2024
A*-B 63%	A*-B 86%	A*-B 67%
A*-C 88%	A*-C 100%	A*-C 89%
A*-D 100%		A*-D 100%



**Media
Studies**

The diagram features a central yellow oval with the text 'Media Studies'. Eight phrases are arranged around this central oval, connected by thin grey lines. The background is white with a faint, large yellow outline of a stylized crest or shield. On the right side, there are several overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in shades of yellow and orange.

“challenges your creativity and imagination”

“Uses a range of technology”

“Practical”

“A range of
career
pathways”

“Relevant”

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

“Helps support other Social
Sciences”

“How the media
impact on our lives”

“Contemporary”

“Different to conventional
subjects”

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

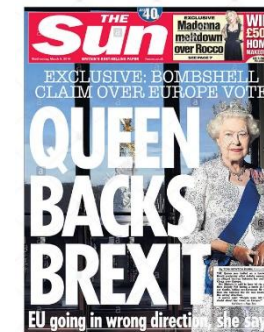
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Core Content

Media Language

Media Representation

Media Industries

Media Audiences



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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



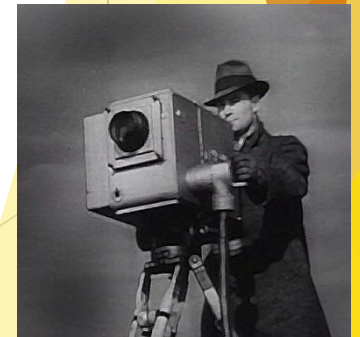
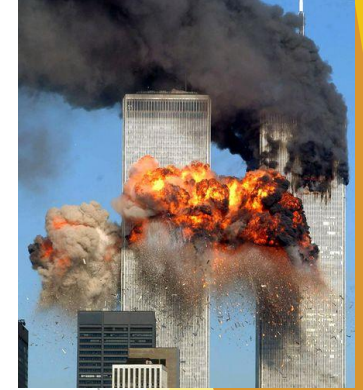
Media Audiences

- 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

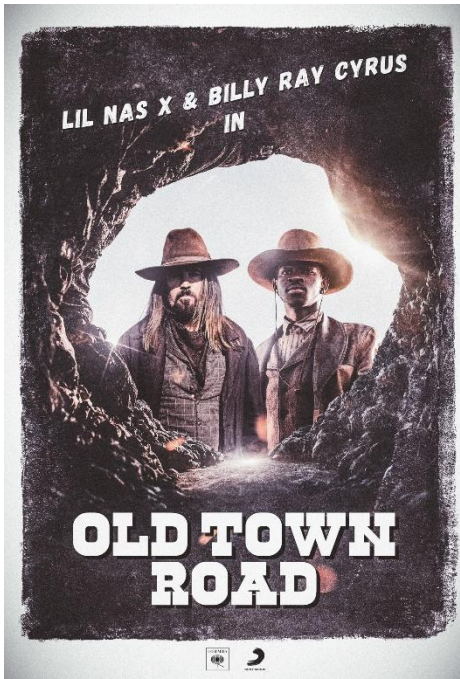


Close Study Products (CSPs)



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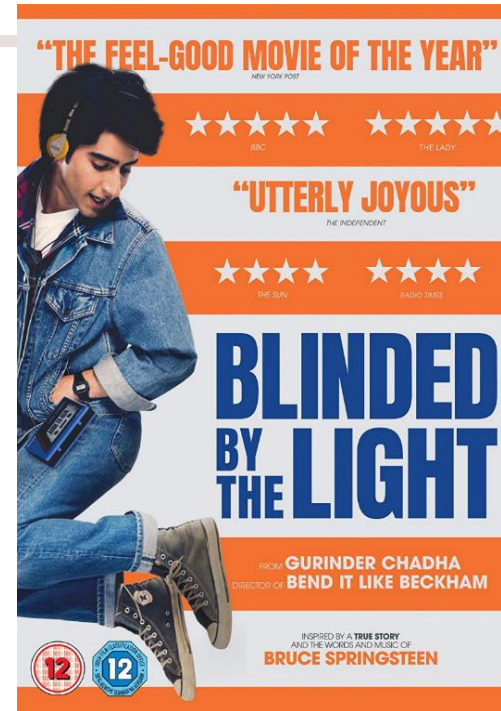
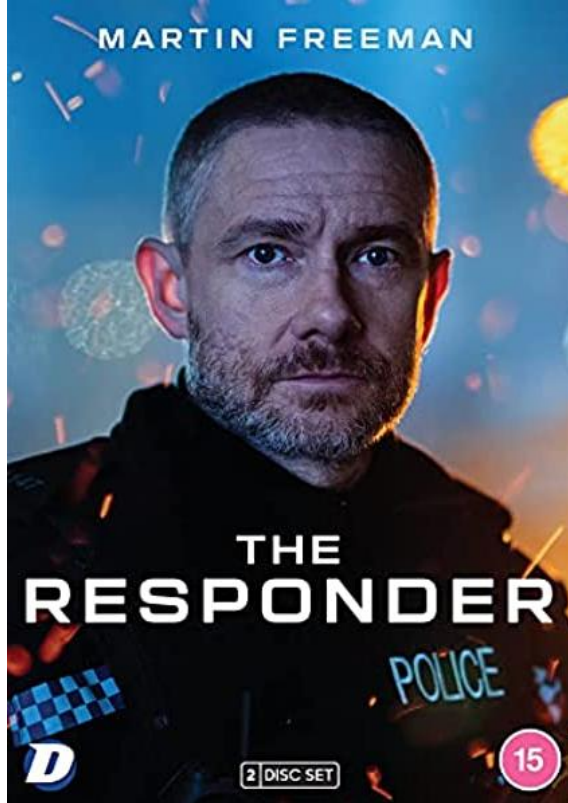
Daily Mail



The Guardian



Close Study Products (CSPs)



Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)

Statement of Intent

Practical

Television extract

Music video

Radio

Newspaper

Magazine

Online media

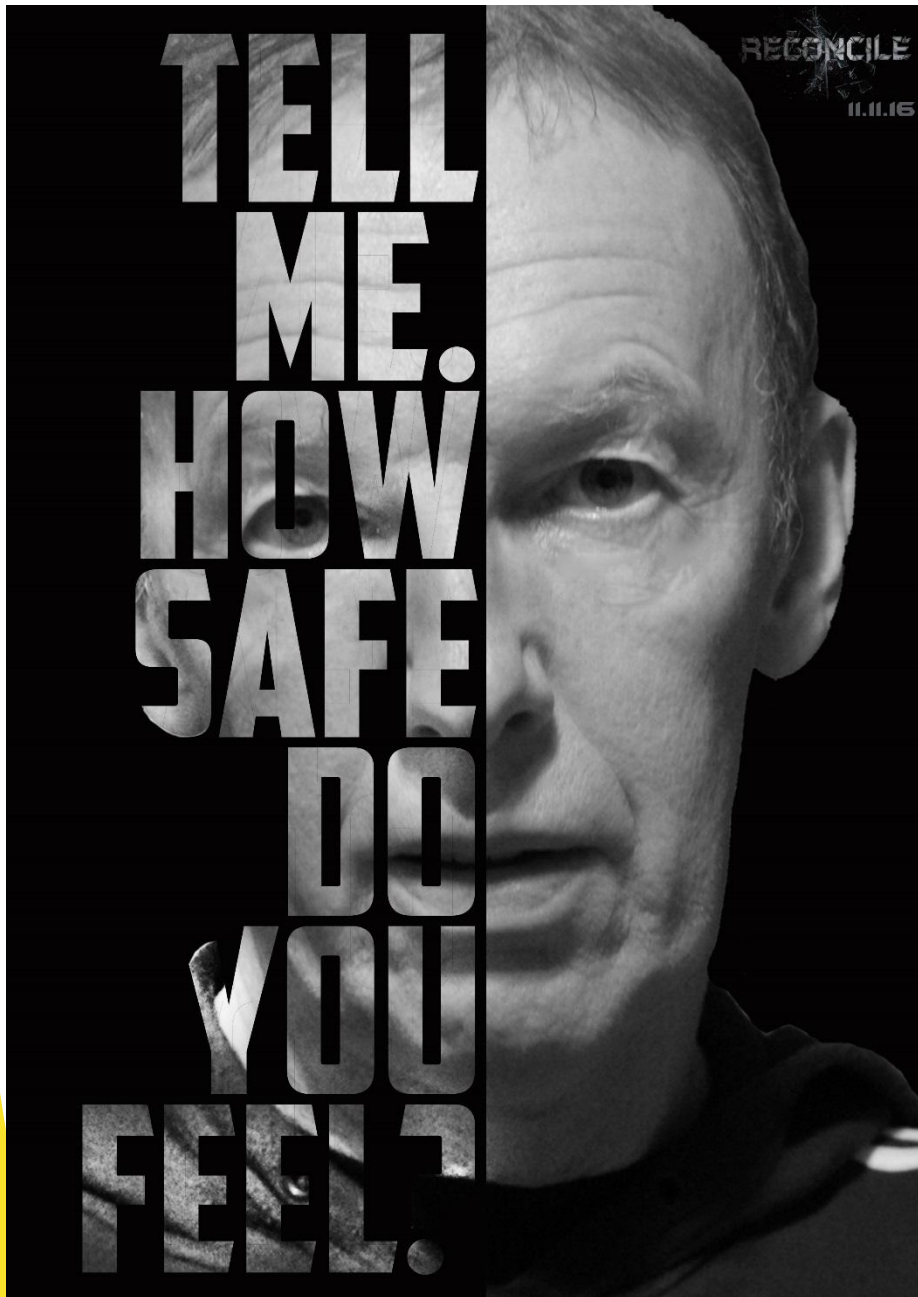
Advertising and Marketing





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 written in a white, handwritten-style font. Below the photo, it says 'OCTOBER SHOWS SOLD OUT!'. Underneath, there is a list of venues in two columns: 03 SHEFFIELD 02 ACADEMY, 04 YORK BARBICAN, 06 WOLVERHAMPTON CIVIC HALL, 07 NEWCASTLE 02 ACADEMY, 08 EDINBURGH USHER HALL, 10 CARDIFF UNIVERSITY, 11 MANCHESTER 02 APOLLO, 12 SOUTHAMPTON GUILDHALL, 16 HAMMERSMITH APOLLO, and 18 MANCHESTER 02 APOLLO. Below this list, it says 'ARENA SHOWS ADDED DUE TO HIGH DEMAND'. The bottom half of the poster is black with white text: 'MARCH 2014', 'WEDNESDAY 05 NOTTINGHAM CAPITAL FM ARENA', 'SATURDAY 08 LIVERPOOL ECHO 2', 'SUNDAY 09 LONDON THE 02', 'GIGSANDTOURS.COM * 0844 811 0051', and 'JAMESHARTWOOD.COM'. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says 'DEEGAN CONCERTS, LIVE NATION & LANDSCAPE MUSIC PRESENTATION BY AGREEMENT WITH CODA'.





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**EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW WITH
GREENFIELDS
STAR**

**GREENFIELDS
FAVOURITE
OLIVIA
BENTON
AND HER
FATHER WITH
HOW MUCH HE
HAS SUPPORTED
HER IN THE ROLE
'HE'S ALWAYS
BEEN THERE FOR ME'
'I NEVER THOUGHT MY
FANS WOULD BE SO
ENCOURAGING- IT'S
AMAZING TO HEAR'**

**HAS JANE GOT A
NEW BOYFRIEND ON
THE SCENE**

**ASHLEY GIVES AN INSIGHT
TO HER NEW FILM**

**EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW
& PICTURES**

**'I LOVED THE FILMING,
EVEN WHEN IT DIDN'T GO
TO PLAN**

**SCARLETT REVEALS
HER LATEST
SINGLE**

**EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW &
PICTURES AT THE
FILMING OF HER
NEW SINGLE**

**'MY MOTHER WAS
THE INSPIRATION
FOR THIS SONG'**

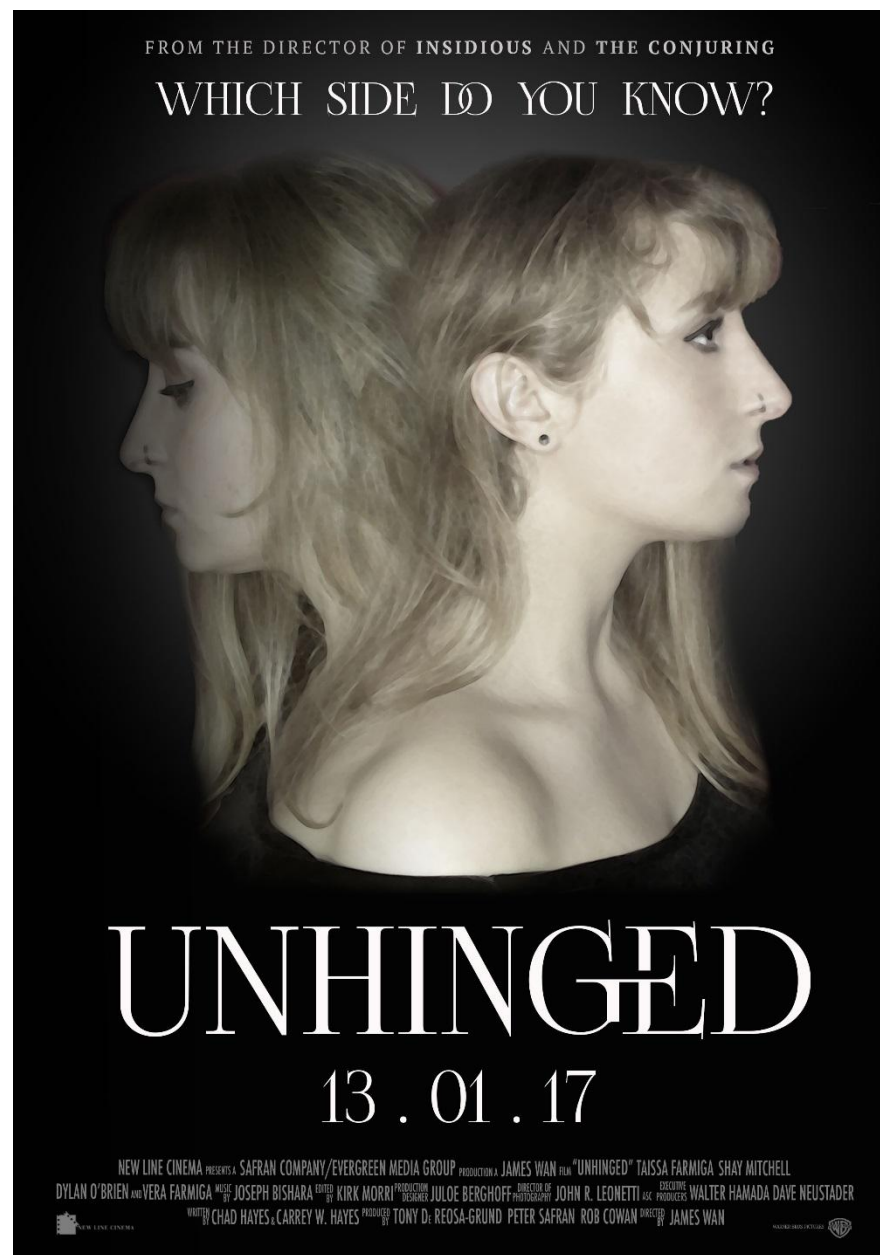
**NATASHA REVEALS
HER TRUE SEXUALITY**

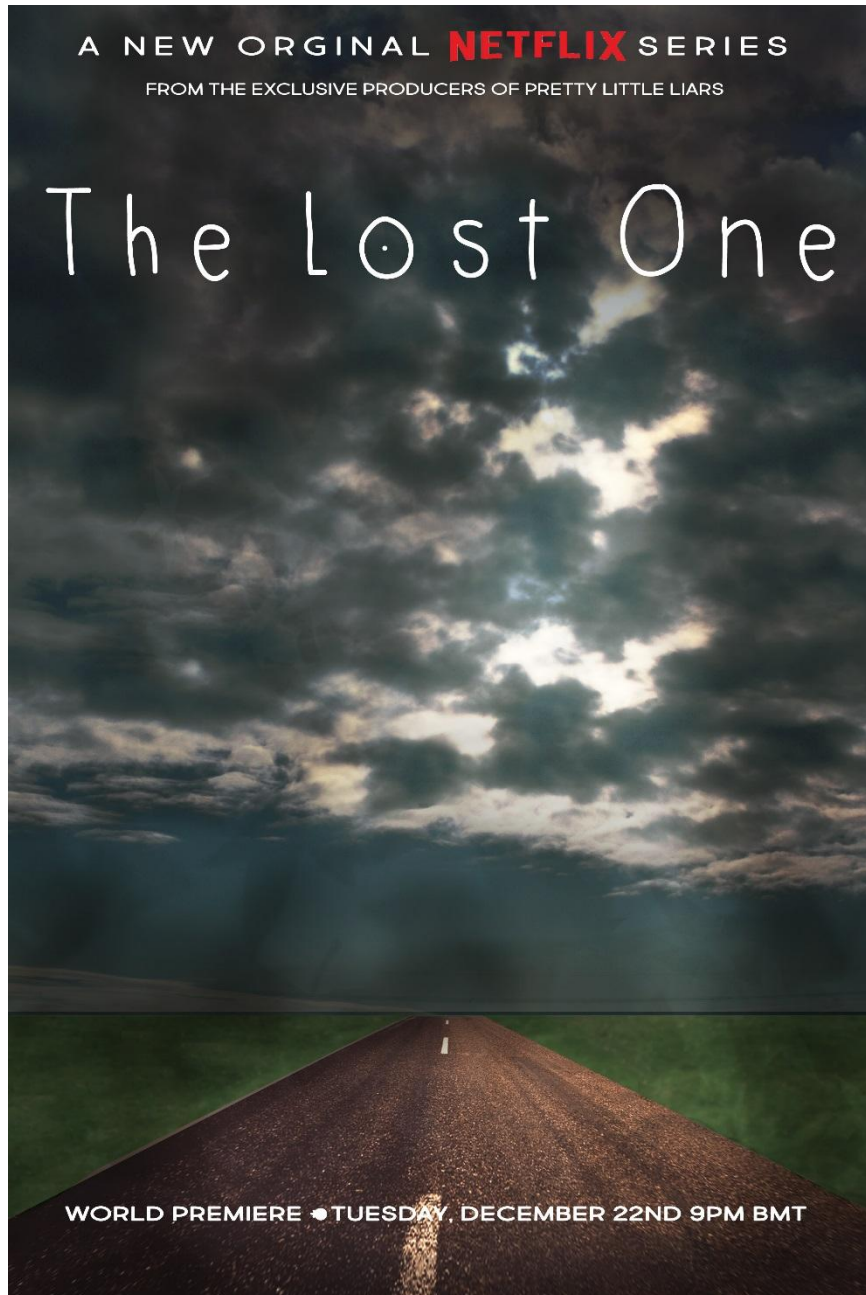
**'I'VE ALWAYS WANTED
TO TELL PEOPLE, NOW
IT'S TIME TO BE TRUE TO
MYSELF'**

**ALSO: HAS SHE
MADE HER EX
ENVOIOUS**

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poses you need to try

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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 Angelie C. Bacallan. Styled by Angie Li

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 females 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, £1964. 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.

Production
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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.



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

Radio

Publishing

TV Production

Marketing

Media
Careers



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