MEDIA STUDIES GCSE

Exam Board: WJEC

OPTION SUBJECT

Course Overview

Media Studies is a subject that requires students to be critical and thoughtful about the world around them. Much of what we know about the world is mediated through some form or another, be in television, films, newspapers or the internet. Rather than simply passively consume what the media presents us with, we encourage discussion, insights and ideas and questioning of the world around us and the way the media works.



Internal Controlled Assessment

Assessed throughout the course – 60% of the final mark

Three Pieces of work:

- One textual investigation on audio-visual media (either Reality TV or Music Video) (10%)
- One textual investigation into print media (Superhero Comics) (10%)
- A media production consisting of research, planning, a production and an evaluation of that production (Horror film trailer or a personal choice) (40%)

External Assessment

Exam – June 2017 – 40% of the final mark. Section A

• Investigating the media: A four part question based on a topic chosen by the exam board

Section B

 Planning the media: A series of creative tasks based on knowledge of convergent media

Qualities needed for Media Students

Students must have the ability to work independently, maturity, and a critical and curious mind. The ability to work in small groups, they should be able to take control of important equipment, use IT skilfully and inventively and suggest and explore ideas.

Possible P16/career paths

Media Studies students go on to do a range of A Levels, including Media Studies, Film Studies, English Literature and English Language and Literature. Students of Media Studies

find work in a range of professions that require open and critical thought and the ability to hold a point of view, such as the media industry, teaching and law.

