

MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL



What will happen in my first week?

Within the first week you will undertake loads of different activities such as analysing of film trailers, discussing the influence of You Tube Stars and examine the creative talent that goes into music videos. The tables will turn when you create your own production and learn to make your own magazine covers.

Do I need to buy any equipment or kit?

You should buy a USB drive to enable you to store all your work such as your coursework which will be progressing as your Photoshop skills become more advanced.

Who will teach me?

Kimberley is our highly experienced specialist A Level Media Studies teacher.

What can I look forward to in my first year?

During your first year, you will be producing numerous pieces from Magazine covers to websites and even making your own vlog. You'll be encouraged to develop your creative talents, work as part of a team and getting yourself recognised both in and around college.

What will I study in my first term?

You will be analysing media texts from reality TV to sitcoms, adverts to music videos. Component 2 begs for you to be creative, leading you to produce your own magazine cover.

Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

The two key magazines to help you in your preparation of analysing media texts and considering media issues and debates are 'Media Magazine' and 'Sight and Sound' magazine. It would help if you bought the book 'EDUQAS Media Studies: Year 1 by Christine Bell and Lucas Johnson' as this provides you with a solid foundation for all the case studies which you will be exploring for the exam.