

Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **Media Studies**

Examination Board: OCR



Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in English

- Assessment:**
- Unit 1: Foundation Portfolio – Film-making, blog and evaluation
 - Unit 2: Key Media Concepts – ONE unseen examination
 - Unit 3: Advanced Portfolio – Film-making, blog and evaluation
 - Unit 4: Critical Perspectives in Media – ONE 2 hour examination

Please note due to national specification changes there will be changes to this course outline.

Is This Course Right For Me?

This is a course for anyone who loves all aspects of the Media. AS course is focused on studying TV drama and all aspects of film production.

In A2, the production aspect is more focused specifically and the teaching is based around preparation for the examination where there is plenty of opportunity to discuss your own production and bring in aspects of your own wider experience of the media.

A good GCSE English grade will help with you essay writing but creative subjects like Art or large projects like Drama or ICT will also prepare you for the level of independent work.

By the end of the course you will improve your analytical essay skills and gain experience of working and planning in small groups and practising with editing software and filming techniques.

Unit Contents:

Unit 1:

Foundation Portfolio. In small groups you will produce a short film in response to a brief. You will need to blog about your experience and evaluate the quality of your work.

Unit 2:

Key Media Concepts Unit – ONE unseen examination; writing about a short video clip, commenting on one of seven key areas of representation and a further question about audiences and institutions in the film industry.

Unit 3:

Advanced Portfolio – Building on your AS film-making, in small groups you produce a music video, blog and evaluate your work.

Unit 4:

Critical Perspectives in Media – ONE 2 hour examination. This involves two questions, one about an issue of contemporary media and a further essay based a critical study of your own Portfolio.

Progression:

This course is suitable for those who would like to continue to study many aspects of Media at university, or pursue a career in a range of different areas including journalism, advertising and other areas of the Media. Ask teaching staff more information about the transferable skills that the subject develops.

Example of university courses and grades required

- **University of Southampton** Film Studies 300 UCAS Points
- **Falmouth University** Film BA 120 UCAS Points (excellent links to industry)
- **Bournemouth** Film Production and Cinematography 128 tariff points
- **Coventry University** Digital Media 280 UCAS Points
- **University of Worcester** English Literature and Media and Culture 260 UCAS Points

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