

Media Studies: A-level (Awarding Body OCR)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course requires at least a grade 5 in GCSE English or GCSE Media Studies. There is no requirement to have taken GCSE Media Studies.

CONTENT

The course has two papers, both two-hours long and both totalling 35% of the overall A-level, with the final 30% being made up of a non-exam assessment.

Paper 1

You will study the news, both online and offline in the UK, with an in-depth analysis of The Guardian and Daily Mail news brands. You will also explore how the media represents different groups and individuals in a range of products including advertising, music videos, and magazines.

Paper 2

You will study how media industries function and how they reach their audiences through analysis of the video games, radio, and film industries. You will also conduct an in-depth study of television drama, which will investigate how TV dramas are made, how they make money, and how they attract their audiences.

PROGRESSION

Many students choose to continue to study media at university. Also, there are a number of opportunities for apprenticeships at media institutions such as ITV, Channel 4 and the BBC, as well as in graphic design and journalism.



GENERAL COMMENTS

Studying the media is an exciting opportunity for students to delve deeper into the world of 21st Century communication. It is an up-to-the-minute subject which means we will often analyse how events are communicated as they happen by looking at the day's papers, the hour's website, or the minute's Twitter feed. Students will think beyond the surface of their daily consumption of the media. It also enables students to build the technical and creative skills needed to be able to create their own media products.



Students visiting The Guardian in London



I took Media for A-Level because the course excited me and had aspects that are really interesting to learn about.

In the future, I would like to pursue a career which involves making things which Media revolves around. I really enjoy it now because you can have a lot of fun with Media while being academic at the same time.

I value the creative independence which gives me control over my work. The teachers are supportive and help guide your work to the best that it can be.



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