

Media Studies

Welcome to Media Studies!

In Media we are dedicated to helping our students become both creative and critical in the way that they approach the subject, offering a wide range of opportunities for them to develop their own individual interests and become as passionate as we are!

Media Studies helps to prepare students for the ever-changing world in which we live. Students develop their creative skills and ideas whilst having the opportunity to become proficient in using a range of computer software. Alongside this they improve their analytical skills and understanding of theoretical knowledge. The combination of these two elements makes Media Studies an enjoyable and accessible subject in which all students can be successful.

As well as developing the ability to be analytical, critical and creative, Media develops the ability to work both independently and collaboratively to achieve successful outcomes; vital skills for students across all areas of the curriculum and beyond .

Our vision as a department is to develop passionate and enthusiastic students who are independent, creative thinkers with a critical understanding of the media that surrounds them.

Our Curriculum

Media Studies is available for students to choose as an optional subject from Year 9 onwards and also at A Level.

At Key Stage 4 students have 3 Media lessons per week. Their study is based around the theoretical framework of Media Language, Audiences, Industry and Representation. They will have the opportunity to develop both their analytical and creative skills across a range of areas of the media, including:

- Television
- Web-based and Social Media
- Film
- Music
- Video games
- Advertising and Marketing
- Newspapers and Magazines

At Key Stage 5 the course involves four lessons a week, with a combination of coursework and an externally set exam. Study is again built around the theoretical framework, and students have the opportunity to develop their film-making skills as part of the coursework.

Enrichment and Extra-Curricular Activities

At KS3: The department runs film clubs for students to come along to and enjoy a wide range of films from different genres and time periods.

At KS4 and KS5: students are able to work in the Media rooms during lunchtimes, free periods and after school in order to complete coursework. There is also a dedicated photography studio for students to have the opportunity to do photo shoots as part of this. There are opportunities for students to come along after school or at lunch to get tuition in developing their Photoshop skills too.

There are a number of school trips, including visits and study days at the BFI, cinema trips, visits to studios and an opportunity to get involved with the BBC School News Report which takes place every year.

Destinations

We currently have 8 of our Year 13 students who have applied for media-related courses at university for next year. They have applied for a range of courses including Film Production, Media Studies, Communication and Editing/PostProduction.

This follows on from previous years where a number of students have gone on to study media-related courses in further education.

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