St Benedict's Sixth Form

A Level Media Studies

Course Description

A Level Media Studies is a challenging and versatile subject, which works well with Photography, English and the Humanities subjects.

This two-year course offers a smooth progression from GCSE Media Studies but is also a viable option for students who haven't studied the subject before, providing the scope to develop critical thinking skills in all aspects of modern life.

Skills Attained

Through studying Media Studies at A Level, you will view, evaluate and analyse a variety of media products alongside developing practical skills such as photoshop.

You will extend your practical skills in your chosen medium, build your capacity for independent research, and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the role media plays. You'll find contemporary, diverse topics and varied and engaging content, helping you to develop research, problem-solving skills as well as your creativity. You'll also refine your debating skills through the discussion of contemporary issues from a range of perspectives, developing a critical understanding of the media through engagement with media products and concepts and through the creative application of practical skills. Some of the areas we cover include: film marketing, advertising, video games, television and podcasts.

Assessment

There are two Externally Assessed Examinations, which combined equate to 70% of the accreditation. Questions will focus on issues and debates in the media and the analysis of media products, demonstrating understanding of the contexts in which the products were created.

30% of the A Level is assessed through a Non-Examined unit, where students are expected to apply knowledge and understanding of theory and current debate, as well as demonstrate practical skills relating to a media format of their choice.

Progression

One of the strengths of Media Studies is that it is constantly evolving. You study modern texts alongside historical counterparts to give context to our current media landscape. It is, therefore, relevant for a wide variety of careers and University courses.

The analytical skills gained are useful for areas such as English Language, Law or History, while the creative side of the course lends itself to journalism or advertising.

A-level Media Studies gives you the transferable skills for many future careers and experience that prepares you for your next career or academic stage.



Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Media (if taken)

Exam Board: EDUQAS

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