

GCSE Media Studies

Overview

GCSE Media is a truly contemporary subject, that allows pupils to explore a wide range of media forms such as video games, radio, film and TV. Exploring the role of online and social media plays a significant part in the course.

What will I study?

During the course, pupils will use theoretical knowledge to underpin practical work, and can chose to focus on print, online, or audio-visual formats.

As media is one of the fastest growing industries in Wales, the course explores the impact and influence of Welsh productions, alongside international franchises such as Marvel and Harry Potter.

Assessment

Assessments are spread across Year 10 and 11, and include two written examinations, and two controlled assessment tasks, evidenced through portfolios.

Units	Content	Weight
Unit 1 - Exploring the Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 hour 30 min written examination.Topics covered: representation, media language, media industries, and audiences.	30%
Unit 2 - Understanding TV and Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 hour 30 min written examination.Topics covered: Wales on Television, and Contemporary Hollywood Film.	30%
Unit 3 - Creating Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-examined assessment.Individual research and planning, and media product created in response to a brief set by the exam board.Individual reflective analysis of production.	40%

Where can GCSE Media Studies take me?

As the creative industries continue to be a booming business here in Wales GCSE Media Studies puts pupils in an ideal position to take advantage of the opportunities on offer!

There are a number of vocational and academic further education courses relating to Media Studies, and an increasing number of apprenticeships available within the sector.

Equally, pupils will be able to apply what they've learnt in other areas, such as business marketing, ICT, journalism, and graphic design to name a few!

Keywords from the course description:

