

Subject: Media Studies GCSE

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Examination Board / Syllabus: (AQA 8572)

Introduction

We will be studying the AQA GCSE which links practical coursework with the study of set Close Study Products (CSPs) from across the spectrum of the media. The media currently on the list of CSPs are *The Times* and *The Daily Mirror* newspapers, *Tatler* and *Heat* magazines, *Dr Who* and *His Dark Materials* television programmes, *Black Widow* and *I, Daniel Blake* films as well as various radio programmes and advertisements. The course also covers Marcus Rashford's campaigning for free school meals and aspects of gaming.

What will I study?

The Media Studies course is all about acquiring the skills to read media messages, and making informed decisions as to how to react to them.

Students will study how the media works through looking at the various forms and the coursework tasks allow them to show their skills in print (using Photoshop etc), website creation and filming short sequences and music videos (using Adobe Premiere Pro editing.) Student select their individual task from a selection of five provided by the exam board.

Skills needed to study this subject: Team work, independent study skills, resourcefulness, creativity, basic IT skills and a keen interest in the world around us and current affairs.

How will my work be assessed?

- Coursework: 30% (1 practical)
- Exam: 70%: (2 exams 1 hour 30 minutes each)

What would this subject enable me to do when I leave school?

Possible Careers + Future Study: This course leads into A2 Media Studies in the Sixth Form where the BTEC in Creative and Digital Media is a practical base course. Possible careers in film making, radio producing, graphic design, photography, marketing, video game promotion, TV producing, magazine and newspaper/web-based journalism.