

MEDIA STUDIES

A Level

This course offers the chance to study, in-depth, the mass media. Topics include:

- British TV Drama
- Thriller Films
- Popular Culture
- The Music Industry
- 21st Century Media Technology.

This subject will suit you if:

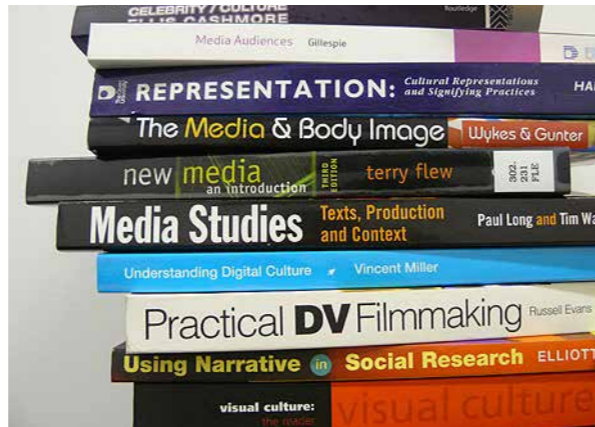
- you're creative and analytical
- you have a strong interest in the media around you
- you're curious about how the media targets you and represents groups of people
- you are a self-motivated, independent learner and also like working with others in groups



If you like this subject you may like:
Sociology, Psychology, English Language or Literature, ICT, Business Studies, Art

Provisional Entry Requirements

Media Studies at GCSE would be useful but not essential. A grade B in GCSE English



What You'll Study

Theoretical:

- analysing a range of audio-visual and print-based material and how audiences respond to representations
- how to understand the use of words and images which create recognisable media products such as TV Drama, different film genres and news
- a chance to look closely at media's role socially and culturally, including issues such as race, gender and social class
- understanding the relationship between media companies and audiences.

Practical:

- creating a production piece by researching, planning, producing and evaluating your work
- students will make their own examples of media using video, editing software, desktop publishing and artwork.



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Student comments about Media Studies ~ Lucy and Alice

"You get to be really creative with coursework tasks. The work is actually yours – you get to put your own touch on it."

"Media studies is a very contemporary subject. You learn about things relevant in our lives."



"The teachers at Parrs Wood Sixth Form are very enthusiastic about the subject and aim to provide the most up-to-date resources."

"The exam material is a bit hard at first, but you get used to it and it gets really interesting."

"The music video is fun and builds your teamwork skills. It also relates to stuff our age."

Enrichment

- workshops with professional cameraman
- trips to MediaCity UK and the cinema
- masterclasses on filming and editing with Manchester College.



Ideas for Progression

The course is particularly relevant to students interested in careers in the Media and those looking to study Cultural Studies, Sociology, English, Communications and TV and Film Studies in Higher Education.

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