

Media Studies

I am very excited to be welcoming you all to A level Media Studies!

As part of your preparation for the course, you will find some links below to areas of interest with Media, as well as some 'bridging' work to give you a taster of some of the things the course covers.

Please click [here](#) for the latest AQA CSP (Close Study Products) specification booklet. Please read through and familiarise yourself with the CSP's you will be covering in the two year course.

For further course information, please see the AQA website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/a-level/media-studies-7572/specification-at-a-glance>

Recommended Textbooks. These can be purchased second hand from Amazon.



- AQA Media Studies for A Level Year 1 & AS: Student Book
- AQA Media Studies for A Level Year 2: Student Book By Elspeth Stevenson
- AQA Media Studies For A Level Revision Guide

Recommended Activities

Across Media, we will explore a wide range of media products, both historic and contemporary. It is good practice to engage with a range of media products that you might not do normally, so below I have some suggestions for you.

Please indicate what you did and your opinions on it...positive or negative!

- Watch a crime drama you have never seen before.
- Listen to a talk radio broadcast (we will be studying The War of the Worlds radio play and Newsbeat). There are lots of Podcasts available via the BBC Sounds App which is free to sign up for.
- Read two articles in a newspaper, this can also be online (we will be studying The Daily Mail and The Guardian)
- During the course of the day, note how much advertising you see and where. What types of products have you seen? What other media products have you consumed this week? This could include online media, film, music video, computer games or magazines.

- Watch, listen and read a wide range of media products, including products out of your usual media consumption. The more you consume the depth your understanding will be of media industries and products.

Essential Media Theory is a good introduction to key concepts and products: <https://www.essentialmediatheory.com/>



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A Level Media Studies revision resources, exam exemplars and answers, and a range of help sheets covering texts and media theory for all exam boards.

www.essentialmediatheory.com

Recommended Websites

- Catch up services such as iPlayer/Prime/Netflix
- BBC Sounds App for Podcasts. Smartphones also have a Podcast app available as well.
- Look at online National Newspapers - we will study The Guardian and Daily Mail, but they are all worth exploring to see how different newspapers can cover the same story but in a different way.

Recommended Video Tutorial

Mrs Fisher has created easy to understand guides to set products and theorists available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKrxp4BcJrGLzmqAhCjASg>

Film

Although our film content only covers Media Audience and Media Industry, 40 days to learn film is useful for analysis skills <https://vimeo.com/399407221>

Taylor Swift - have a look at her social media platforms!

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Best,

Mrs Farrugia