

# Media Studies

Qualification:

GCSE – WJEC/Eduqas Examination Board

Is this course for me?

Studying how the media works and how audiences use and are influenced by media products is more important than ever and this course offers you the opportunity to get involved in this fascinating and ever-changing subject area.

If you are interested in any aspect of the media then this is the course for you! We explore the whole range of media industries from newspapers to video games, advertising to TV. As well as studying a whole range of exciting media texts you will also get to make your own using professional equipment and software.

What does the course involve?

There are two components to the course:

<i>Controlled assessment: Worth 30%</i>	You will work to a brief to produce a media product to a professional standard. You will have the opportunity to learn how to use DSLR cameras, green screens and lighting rigs as well as developing your skills in using software such as Adobe Photoshop and Premiere. This is one of the few GCSEs where practical production work is still assessed!
<i>Two Exams: Worth 70%</i>	Component 1 exam will explore a broad range of media texts based on examples set by the exam board. You will examine issues of representation and audience in video games, advertising, newspapers and radio. Component 2 allows you to conduct an in-depth study of a television show and a cross-media study of popular music. Both exams are primarily based on material you will have studied before you sit the exam.

How will my work be assessed?

This qualification has a single level of entry and is graded, 1-9.

What courses can this lead to in Post-16?

This course makes a great way to access media and film courses at post-16 and beyond as well as providing you with knowledge and skills of the creative industries (a growth sector of the UK economy).

For more details please contact:

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