

Media Department Curriculum Overview



List of Teachers:

Mrs G.Manson

KS3

N/A

GCSE – Pupils study the AQA GCSE Media Studies specification

Unit 1 – Investigating the Media (40%)

Pupils learn about different types of media text – broadcast, print and e-media. The topic for the exam changes every year, but we may cover topics like advertising, newspapers, magazines, social networking and the film industry. This unit is assessed in a 90 minute, externally assessed exam. It is based on a set topic – changed annually by AQA. Students have four tasks to complete. (Completed in Year 12)

Unit 2 – Understanding the Media (60%)

This unit is assessed through three pieces of Controlled Assessment. Assignments are taken from an AQA bank of set tasks marked out of 90 (Completed in Year 11)

A Level – Pupils study the AQA GCE Media Studies specification

AS (Unit 1 - 50% 2 hour exam, Unit 2 - 50% coursework)

Unit 1: Investigating Media - Pupils investigate the contemporary media landscape and the changing contexts within which media texts are produced and consumed.

Unit 2: Creating Media - Pupils produce two linked media artefacts taken from **two** of the three media platforms with a single, accompanying evaluation and pre-production materials for both pieces.

A2 (Unit 3 – 50% 2 hour exam, Unit 4 – 50% coursework)

Unit 3: Critical Perspectives – pupils study the role of the media in today's society by referring in detail to the wider contexts (social, political, historical, economic, as appropriate) which affect media production, distribution and exhibition, by tackling media theory and the major media issues & debates.

Unit 4: Media Research & Production – Pupils complete a critical investigation into a topic of their choice and a linked production piece demonstrating technical & creative skills.

Extra-Curricular (clubs, competitions, etc)

Pupils have the opportunity to take part in a number of trips, activities and events. These include;

- Final Cut Pro Editing training (in conjunction with The Nerve Centre, Derry)
- Camera workshops (in conjunction with Northern Regional College)
- School trips to UTV in Belfast and the Game of Thrones studio
- Visits from outside speakers (in conjunction with the Film & Media Dept at the University of Ulster)
- Regular trips to the University of Ulster library (Year 14)