

GCSE Media (4810)

Exam Board: AQA

Course Outline for Y11:

Students will study the Key Concepts of Language, Representation, Audience and Institution and will use these to analyse a range of media texts. These could include: film, television, newspapers, comics, radio, web pages, music, magazines and advertisements. Media Studies is a combination of academic study and practical work.

Weightings:

Coursework: 60% of the total marks

3 assignments taken from a bank set by AQA:

introductory assignment (500 word analysis and pre-production task) **15marks**

cross-media assignment (1000 word analysis and 2 production tasks) **30 marks**

practical production and evaluation (research, substantial production task and 800 word evaluation) **45 marks**

Exam: 40% of the total marks

4 tasks on a prescribed topic area. This year – **Science Fiction Films**

Candidates receive stimulus materials 4 weeks before the examination.

What students should be doing to achieve:

- Reading and re-reading texts independently
- Up-levelling work thoroughly and correcting mistakes
- Completing homework on time and to a high standard
- Working independently outside of lessons
- Investigating the exam topic – watching Science Fiction films

How parents / carers can help students achieve:

- Encouraging students to read and watch a wide range of media materials, e.g. magazines, newspapers, radio, film.
- Discussing these texts with students after them thinking about key media elements they were able to identify.
- Checking the homework is completed and is handed in on time.
- Sharing your favourite Sci-fi films and watching them together!

Support and Interventions available at school:

- GCSE intervention clubs will be available for students that are not achieving their potential. These are invitation only.
- Enrichment clubs will also be offered to students to help widen their knowledge and understanding of English.

Dates to make a note of:

- GCSE Coursework: submitted by 18th March 2016
- GCSE Exam: 24th May 2016

Who I can contact for further advice / help:

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