

Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **Media Studies**

Examination Board: OCR



Entry Requirements: Please see Entry Requirements in the Application Form.

Assessment:

- H409/1: Media Messages – Music videos, advertising and the press
- H409/2: Evolving Media – TV drama, video games, film, radio
- H409/3: Non Examined Assessment – Film-making, website, blog

Is This Course Right For Me?

This is a course for anyone who enjoys media and is interested in not only how to make media products, but also why they are made and the effects they can have on us.

This new linear course covers a wide range of content, from comparing Netflix's *Stranger Things* to the Danish crime-thriller *The Killing* to understanding the power and responsibility of the press.

A good GCSE English grade will help with you essay writing but creative subjects like Art or large projects like Drama or ICT will also prepare you for the level of independent work.

By the end of the course you will improve your analytical essay skills and gain experience of working and practising with editing software and filming techniques.

Unit Contents:

H409/1:

Media Messages. An examination unit (35%), students analyse advertisements, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Big Issue* and compare two music videos. The newspapers require in depth analysis of media language, representation, audiences, industries and how they are related to the ideas of key theorists in the media field.

H409/2:

Evolving Media. An examination unit (35%), students analyse *Radio One*, *Minecraft* and *The Jungle Book* and compare *Stranger Things* to *The Killing*. The TV drama series also require an in depth analysis of media language, representation, audiences, industries and how they are related to the ideas of key theorists in the media field.

H409/3:

Non Examined Assessment – In this coursework unit (30%), students individually create a moving image production and a website from a set brief.

Progression:

This course is suitable for those who would like to continue to study many aspects of Media at university, or pursue a career in a range of different areas including journalism, advertising, film production and other areas of the Media. Ask teaching staff more information about the transferable skills that the subject develops.

Example of university courses and grades required

- **University of Southampton** Film Studies 300 UCAS points
- **Falmouth University** Film BA 120 UCAS points (excellent links to industry)
- **Bournemouth** Film Production and Cinematography 128 UCAS points
- **Coventry University** Digital Media 280 UCAS points
- **Nottingham Trent** Media and Film & TV 260 UCAS points

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