

Media Studies Curriculum Guide

Year 11

What will my son learn?		
Autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assignment 3 – Moving Image• Students conduct research into film industry, focusing on Thriller genre.• Working in groups, students will plan their own opening sequence or trailer for a Thriller film.	Spring Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assignment 3 – Moving Image• Students construct their Thriller trailer or opening sequence, filming and editing in groups.• Students evaluate their production as assessment.• After half term, students begin work on set topic for exam.	Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exam Preparation• In April, AQA will release materials for students to prepare.• Students will spend the weeks leading up to the exam researching and preparing their responses.

How will my son be assessed?

- In Year 11, your son will complete the third coursework assignment for Unit 2, followed by Unit 1 – an externally assessed exam.

Media Studies

Paper: Unit 1: Investigating the Media

Written Paper – 1 hour 30 mins – 60 marks – 40% External Assessment

Based on pre-released topic (changed annually) with guidance and stimulus.

Your son will study the **AQA Media Studies (4812) Specification**.

At the beginning of Year 11, your son will continue with the third coursework assignment, which was started at the end of Year 10. This is a practical piece of work and is completed working in groups. Your son will need to show his ability to work as an integral part of a team in both planning and production stages. A large portion of the year will be spent conducting creative practical work, filming and editing. Once the coursework is complete, your son will then move on to preparing for the Summer exam, which is a set topic that changes every year. The future topics are Television Game Shows (Summer 2017) and Serial Television Drama (Summer 2018).

Skills in Media Studies

AO1: Recall, select and communicate their knowledge and understanding of media products and the contexts in which they are produced and consumed.

AO2: Analyse and respond to media texts/topics using media key concepts and appropriate terminology.

AO3: Demonstrate research, planning and presentation skills.

AO4: Construct and evaluate their own products using creative and technical skills.

How can I support my son with English?

- Discussing TV shows, films, music and advertising with your son will help to foster an interest in the way media texts are created. Ensure your son takes an active role in consuming media by directing them towards a diverse range of content, which will help give them perspective and objectivity when studying media texts.
- When your son has homework, look over it. Encourage him to write more and to complete it before the due date. Leaving a day before the work is due can help in the revision process.
- There are a number of revision guides available in newsagents and online. These revision guides should be used throughout the course, and not before the exams.
- Working hard in class, stretching himself and trying his best every lesson will ensure success.

