



# A Level Media Studies

## Why study Media Studies?

Media Studies is a practical and academic discipline that nurtures critical understanding, hones appreciation of media texts and promotes the development of critical thinking skills.



## Which activities will I be engaged in during the course?

The course is structured to promote and nurture your interest in the subject and support you in the vital thinking and practical skills that are fundamental to learning Media Studies at A Level. We want to give you the best possible opportunity to actively participate in lessons, develop practical skills and engage in theoretical debate both inside and outside the classroom. These opportunities will be explored in a number of ways:

- Consuming and analysing media texts.
- Identifying technical codes used in media texts, such as shot-types, lighting, sound.
- Asking interesting and purposeful questions and undertaking lines of enquiry that will help you answer them.
- Using various points of reference to complete independent research. These might include school and public libraries, consumption of media products, websites and communication with people.
- Recreating media products to develop awareness of technical codes or practical skills.
- Sharing research and presenting ideas and extended projects.
- Reading around the issues using newspaper articles, blogs or social media.
- Entering into debate which will involve substantiating opinions and challenging others.
- Consuming parallel media texts at home – for example critically reviewing other episodes of a televisual set-text, or other texts from the same genre.