



Course Information – September 2011

Course Title Media Studies

Level GCSE

Awarding Body OCR

What is the content of the course?

Key Media concepts; Media Languages, Media Audiences, Media Representations, Media Institutions.

Preparation for Textual Analysis Exam; Action Adventure Films

Individual Media Studies Portfolio; Written assignment

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How is the course assessed?

| | % | Details: |
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| End of course exams | 40 | 1 Exam divided into two sections; Action Adventure films & Television Comedy |
| Modular exams | | |
| Controlled Assessment | | |
| Portfolio | 60 | <p>Individual Portfolio comprising one practical piece & one written assignment.</p> <p>Group Portfolio comprising one practical production in Film or Print based media.</p> |

How is this course delivered?

Format; 5 lessons per fortnight, mixing film, advertising, Print & TV study, ICT for research & design work.

Equipment; 10 Digital Video Cameras, 6 Edit Stations equipped with Sony Vegas & 6 Apple Mac ibooks for design / film work, Use of Photoshop Elements for Print design work.

What are the entry requirements?

Level 6 in English Preferred to be able to deal with written aspects of the course.

What skills are useful for success on this course?

Analysis & evaluative skills – being able to write about what you watch / study in lessons in detail, and with interest.

Strong written English skills a must, to cope with written examinations.

Good creative skills for use in practical tasks; Film Making, Print design work.

A strong interest in film and television.

What opportunities will success on this course give me?

Careers in the Media; film, tv, advertising, suited to both academic & practical courses at University.