

SUBJECT:
Media Studies

EXAM BOARD:
AQA



Course Overview

Paper 1 (Study in Year 12)

How it's assessed

Written exam: 2 hours

84 marks

35% of A-level

Questions

Analysis of Close Study Products, including 1 unseen text.

Paper 2 (Study in Year 13)

How it's assessed

Written exam: 2 hours

84 marks

35% of A-level

Questions

Contrasting points of view relating to particular Close Study Products.

Short answer questions assessing breadth and depth of knowledge of aspects of the theoretical framework in relation to particular media products.

What's assessed

Questions will focus on the analysis of media products, through the lens of the theoretical framework. Students will be expected to refer to the Close Study Products (CSPs) provided by AQA and other products they have studied. They will also be expected to demonstrate understanding of the contexts in which the products were created.

Non-Exam Assessment

How it's assessed

A choice of topics related to the over-arching (annually changing) theme

72 marks

30% of A-level

Assessed by teachers

Moderated by AQA

Useful websites

www.aqa.org.uk

www.universalteacher.org.uk

<http://english.edusites.co.uk>

<http://www.mediaknowall.com>

Summer task

In order to be really successful in Media Studies, it is essential to become active consumers of a range of media; film, television (in as many of its form as possible), radio, newspapers, magazine and emedia.

It is also critical to understand the place of media in society as well as the changing media landscape. In order to do this, students must read/ subscribe to the Media Guardian as well as staying up to date with news linked to the production and consumption of the media. Essentially, over summer, as well as reading the Media Guardian, we would encourage students to read at least one broadsheet newspaper a week (newspaper or online).

All must:

Choose one media text of your choice and analyse it in relation to the key concepts (Media language, Audience, Representation and Institution). If you choose a moving image text, you should watch the first 2 minutes only. You should present your findings in a creative way – poster, power point presentation, written essay. The more innovative, the better!