

SUBJECT A2 Media Studies	YEAR 13
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT Mr A Wallis	
GROUPING POLICY Students are in mixed ability classes	
COURSE CONTENT What will my child learn? <p>The A2 Media course has 3 elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Video Production work: Students can work in small groups to research and develop ideas for a selected brief. There are typically a range of briefs on offer at A2 including Music Video, Short Films and Marketing Campaigns. ● A theory unit focused how the media has changed with the online age. ● A second unit is centred on students understanding and applying theories to their video production unit. <p>Examination Board: OCR www.ocr.org.uk</p>	
What will homework look like? <p>Homework will frequently take the form of research tasks that help support the work that students do in school. Because of the nature of video production, students will be encouraged to produce work outside of school</p>	
What enrichment opportunities are available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will be encouraged to enter local and national competitions. ● A range of video and still camera equipment is available for students to borrow to continue their work at home ● Student will also be encouraged to support the school’s TV station and take an active role in its development. 	
ASSESSMENT How will my child’s work be assessed? <p>50% of the course is assessed via a video production coursework unit. This is assessed by subject teachers and moderated by the exam board.</p> <p>50% of the course is assessed via an exam sat in the summer term.</p>	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION How can I support my child in this subject?	

Although equipment is provided on the course, it is also helpful if students can have the opportunity to practise at home. Most cameras, phones and tablet computers have the ability to take photos and record video. Most computers and tablets have the ability to allow students to explore basic editing skills.

Understanding how media products such as TV programmes and films are created is an important aspect of the course. Having a discussion with your son/daughter after watching an interesting programme or film could help them think about how that product was created. Discussing aspects such as camerawork, editing, sound, lighting, special effects or acting can really help engage students and encourage them to be less passive when watching the media.

Like most creative subjects, practice is important. Encourage your son/daughter to produce their own video productions at home. Encourage them to think carefully about the camera work, use of sound/music and transitions. This will help them to think more carefully about what works well when making video productions.

How can I support my child with exams?

There is significant support for students on the school's Google Classroom to prepare for exams. Encouraging them to use these resources can make a difference