

## Frequently Asked Questions for Media Studies

### 1. What is the exam board?

Eduqas.

### 2. How many exams are there and what percentage of the total is each exam?

There are two written exams worth 70%, with one worth 40% and the other 30%

### 3. Is there any coursework?

Yes, there is a practical piece involving making a media product that is worth the remaining 30%.

### 4. How much of the course is coursework?

Approximately a third. Students start with theory and debates underlying Media products and then move onto coursework afterwards.

### 5. Are there any key resources that I should buy to support my child taking this subject?

There are various revision guides out there but we will also be able to provide students with much of this to begin with.

### 6. How often are they tested?

Students will have end of unit assessments and regular deep mark tasks. Alongside this there will be mock exams where students will gain an accurate idea of where they are in terms of understanding and progress.

## 7. What key qualities are required to do well in Media Studies?

- English/Analytical & literacy

Much of media studies involves students being able to analyse a range of different texts and articulate their findings in the form of essays/extended answers.

- Design

Students – particularly for the coursework module – need to be able to not only articulate ideas but also have a keen visual eye. Much of the coursework will depend on tasks like creating a web page/magazine cover/creating a short film.

- Teamwork

As you expect to find in any media role, whether it be in the world of work or further study at university, much of how we will learn depending on working together towards a common goal. Much like in Drama, creating a new media product is often about compromise and working with others.

- Keen interest in Media

We all consume media in one form or another but the difference between being a media consumer and one who studies it is important: you need to be genuinely interested in how such things are made, the current debates around them (e.g. representation of BAME actors in television/cinema) and so on.

## **8. What opportunities might this lead to?**

Media Studies is a relatively new subject for a very new industry. Whether it be film, radio, print media, television or online (new) media, it is an industry that is constantly growing and changing with technology. For example, the video games industry is now worth more than the film industry so being a student of media can give you a firm foothold in an exciting and diverse range of jobs.