

# ST MARY'S COLLEGE



## INTRODUCTION

You are all experts on the media. You watch TV, you listen to the radio, you read newspapers and magazines, you go to the cinema. But how much do you know about the people behind the media products? Do you really know how to 'read' a film? Would you like to have a go at making your own media products? Then Media Studies should be a subject you consider studying.

## AS LEVEL

### *Content*

Unit Title and Content	Assessment
<p>G322 Key Media Concepts (TV Drama)</p> <p>There are two sections to this paper:                      Section A – Textual Analysis and Representation (50 marks). Technical aspects of TV Dramas and the idea of representation.                      Section B – Institutions and Audiences (50 marks). You will study the media industry of FILM through production, distribution and marketing.</p>	<p>2 hour written paper worth 50% of your final marks</p>
<p>G321 Foundation Portfolio</p> <p>Preliminary exercise - A continuity task filming and editing a character walking into a room and having a discussion.                      Main Task - The titles and opening of a new fiction film, to last a maximum of 2 minutes.</p>	<p>Assessed practical coursework worth 50% of your final marks.</p>

### *How is the course delivered?*

There are numerous opportunities for study days provided by Teesside University and visits to the cinema to see relevant films. Middlesbrough Council also put on practical sessions on animation and film making.

## ***Entry requirements***

To study AS Media Studies you need to have a GCSE grade C or above in English. If you took Media Studies at GCSE you need a grade C or above. You should already have a keen interest in the media. Please note that the entry requirements for an AS programme depend upon the number of AS/GNVQ courses that you intend to take.

## ***What skills and interests do I need?***

This course involves regular essay writing so it is essential that you can write in a clear, well-structured fashion and you need to be able to carry out independent research.

## ***How does it build upon studies in Key Stage 4?***

Advanced Level is more concerned with analysing the institutions of the media as well as the forms and conventions. You are also expected to produce media artefacts of a high quality.

## ***How is the course assessed?***

Your progress is assessed regularly and helpful feedback will be given on all assignments. Practical work is assessed by the Media Studies staff and moderated externally. The other modules are assessed in January and June of each year. This allows for resits to improve grades.

## ***Special equipment***

We have 10 palm recorders and 10 tripods, 2 digital cameras and a video editing suite.

## **A2 LEVEL**

### ***Content***

The A2 course consists of two modules



<b>Unit Title and Content</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
G323 Advanced Portfolio in Media This is a coursework unit where you produce a main and ancillary piece and present your research, planning and evaluation electronically	Assessed practical coursework 50% of total marks
G325 Critical Perspectives in Media This unit involves writing about your production work and studying contemporary media issues	2 hour written paper 100 marks

## ***How is the course delivered?***

The teaching methods used will be similar to those employed within the AS. However, students should have developed as independent learners and be able to take more responsibility for their own learning.

## ***Entry requirements***

A pass grade in AS Media Studies.

## ***How is the course assessed?***

The modules will be assessed through one written examination and one piece of coursework. The marks will be combined with the marks achieved for the AS and lead to a full A level qualification. Candidates will be able to re-sit each module.

## ***Progression routes***

With a qualification in Media Studies you can go on to Higher Education or work in the media or a related field.

## ***Further Information***

***For further information please contact Mary Sproxtton.***

***Full specifications can be found at [www.ocr.org.uk](http://www.ocr.org.uk)***

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