

Curriculum Overview 2025-26 Media Studies

Curriculum overview for Year 10

TERM AND TOPIC	Autumn HT 1	Autumn HT 2	Spring HT 1	Spring HT 2	Summer HT 1	Summer HT 2
	<p>Introduction to Media Theory (7 weeks)</p> <p>Students will familiarise themselves with the key areas of the theoretical framework, as well as key media language terms.</p>	<p>Paper 1 Section A – Television: Vigil and Avengers (7 weeks)</p> <p>Students will conduct an in-depth analysis of both Series 1, Episode 1 of <i>Vigil</i> (BBC) and Series 4, Episode 2 of <i>The Avengers</i> ‘<i>The Gravedigger</i>’</p>	<p>Paper 1 Section B – Film and Video Games: <i>The Lego Movie</i> film and video game. (6 weeks)</p> <p>Students will analyse the way that <i>The Lego Movie</i> franchise marketed its products across a range of media forms.</p>	<p>Paper 2, Section A – Music (6 weeks)</p> <p>Students will study music across three different media forms: <i>Radio 1 Live Lounge</i> (radio), <i>Brown Skin Girl</i> by Beyonce and <i>I’ll Get By</i> by The Lathums (music videos) and <i>Mojo</i> (magazine). The study of <i>Mojo</i> is in preparation for next half term when the NEA briefs will have been released.</p>	<p>Non-Exam Assessment (5 weeks) – Students will review their learning of key media concepts around representation and how magazines work and then apply this to the NEA brief that will be released in March 2025. Students will have created their front covers by the end of this half term.</p>	<p>Non-Exam Assessment and End of Year exam preparation (7 weeks) – Students will complete their non-exam assessment this half term, alongside preparing for their end of year examinations.</p>
<p>Curriculum Content:</p> <p>Priority Essential knowledge and skills that will be taught.</p>	<p><u>Introduction to Media Theory</u></p> <p>Prior Learning: No explicit prior learning links, but students will need to explain representations and use of aspects of media in a skill similar to inference from English.</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Media language Representation Denotation Connotation Camera angles</p>	<p><u>Media Paper 1, Section A</u></p> <p>Prior Learning: No explicit prior learning links, but students will need to explain representations and use of aspects of media in a skill similar to inference from English.</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Demographics Public Service Broadcasting, Social, Cultural and Historical context, Media</p>	<p><u>Media Paper 1, Section B</u></p> <p>Prior Learning: No explicit prior learning links, but students will need to explain representations and use of aspects of media in a skill similar to inference from English.</p> <p>Key Knowledge: The Lego Movie Media as business Demographics Representation Advertising</p>	<p><u>Media Paper 2, Section A</u></p> <p>Prior Learning: No explicit prior learning links, but students will need to explain representations and use of aspects of media in a skill similar to inference from English.</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Radio 1 Live Lounge, Beyonce ‘<i>Brown Skin Girl</i>’, The Lathums ‘<i>I’ll Get By</i>’, MOJO magazine</p>	<p><u>Producing Media</u></p> <p>Prior Learning: Year 7 Computing – gaining support for a cause, Year 9 Computing – Media: Animations</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Demographics Media Language Marketing</p>	<p><u>Producing Media and end of year exam preparation</u></p> <p>Prior Learning: Year 7 Computing – gaining support for a cause, Year 9 Computing – Media: Animations</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Demographics Media Language Marketing, Public Service Broadcasting, Social,</p>

	<p>Skills: Identify Compare Evaluate Note taking</p>	<p>industries, media audiences</p> <p>Skills: Identify Compare Evaluate Critique</p>	<p>Skills: Identify Compare Evaluate Critique Academic Writing</p>	<p>Skills: Identify Compare Evaluate Critique Academic Writing</p>	<p>Skills: Research Making a pitch Evaluate Critique Academic Writing</p>	<p>Cultural and Historical context, Media industries, media audiences, advertising</p> <p>Skills: Producing a product Evaluate Critique Academic Writing</p>
Assessment	<p>Interim assessment: P1 Section A, Q2 Final Assessment: P1 Section A, Q3</p>	<p>Interim Assessment: Paper 1, Section A Final assessment: Paper 1, Section A</p>	<p>Interim Assessment: Analysis of film advertising Final assessment: Paper 1, Section B</p>	<p>Interim: Comparison of music videos Final: Paper 2, Section B</p>	<p>Evaluation of magazine front cover and article</p>	<p>Evaluation of product</p> <p>Final: End of Year exam – Media Paper 1.</p>

Curriculum overview for Year 11

TERM AND TOPIC	Autumn HT 1 Paper 2, Section A – Music (7 weeks) Students will study music across three different media forms: <i>Radio 1 Live Lounge</i> (radio), <i>Brown Skin Girl</i> by Beyonce and <i>I'll Get By</i> by The Lathums (music videos) and <i>Mojo</i> (magazine).	Autumn HT 2 Paper 2, Section B – Newspapers (7 weeks) Students will conduct an in-depth study of online magazines with <i>Observer</i> magazine as the set product and newspapers with contemporary and historical <i>Observer</i> newspapers from the 1960s as the set product.	Spring HT 1 Revision of key skills (6 weeks) – This half term will focus on revision of the key areas of the media framework (language, representation, industries, audiences), focussing on Paper 1.	Spring HT 2 Revision of key skills (6 weeks) – This half term will focus on revision of the key areas of the media framework (language, representation, industries, audiences), focussing on Paper 2. Interventions will focus on Paper 1.	Summer HT 1 Revision of key skills (5 weeks) This half term will use assessment data to focus on key areas and will also go over exam technique.	Summer HT 2 Revision – all exams for this subject will have been completed by this point. Lesson time to be used to prepare for English Language Paper 2 in the first instance and then revision for other subjects.
<p>Curriculum Content:</p> <p>Priority Essential knowledge and skills that will be taught.</p>	<p>Prior Learning: Introduction to Media Theory (Autumn 1, Year 10), Media Paper 1 (Representation), Media as a business (Spring 1, Year 10)</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Radio 1 Live Lounge, Beyonce 'Brown Skin Girl', The Lathums 'I'll Get By', MOJO magazine</p> <p>Skills: Identify</p>	<p>Prior Learning: Introduction to Media Theory (Autumn 1, Year 10), Representation (Autumn 2 – Summer 2, Year 10), Media as a business (Spring 1, Year 10), Media as a representation of social/historical/ cultural context (Autumn 1 – Summer 2, Year 10)</p> <p>Key Knowledge: <i>Observer</i> online, <i>Observer</i> print version, social/cultural and political contexts, newspapers as an industry</p> <p>Skills: Identify</p>	<p>Prior Learning: Introduction to Media Theory (Autumn 1, Year 10), Television (Autumn 2 Year 10), Lego Movie (Spring 1, Year 10)</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Demographics Media Language Marketing, Public Service Broadcasting, Social, Cultural and Historical context, Media industries, media audiences, advertising</p> <p>Skills: Identify</p>	<p>Prior Learning: Introduction to Media Theory (Autumn 1, Year 10), Television (Autumn 2 Year 10), Lego Movie (Spring 1, Year 10), Music (Autumn 1, Year 11), Newspapers (Autumn 2, Year 11)</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Demographics Media Language Marketing, Public Service Broadcasting, Social, Cultural and Historical context, Media industries, media audiences, advertising</p> <p>Skills: Identify</p>	<p>Revision</p> <p>Prior Learning: Introduction to Media Theory (Autumn 1, Year 10), Television (Autumn 2 Year 10), Lego Movie (Spring 1, Year 10), Music (Autumn 1, Year 11), Newspapers (Autumn 2, Year 11)</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Revision of all key knowledge</p> <p>Skills: Exam technique</p>	<p>Revision</p> <p>Key Knowledge: Revision of all key knowledge</p> <p>Skills: Exam skills</p>

	Compare Evaluate Critique Academic Writing	Compare Evaluate Critique Academic Writing	Compare Evaluate Critique Academic Writing	Compare Evaluate Critique Academic Writing		
Assessment	Interim Assessment: Media Paper 2, Section A Final assessment: Media Paper 2, Section A NEA to be sent off in this half term.	Interim Assessment: Media Paper 2, Section B Final assessment: Media Paper 2 (MOCKS)	Interim Assessment: Media Paper 1 Final assessment: Media Paper 1	Interim Assessment: Media Paper 2 Final assessment: Media Paper 1		