

Welcome

A-level Media Studies will cover a large variety of topics and concepts in the classroom and outside. All materials, such as textbooks, topic booklets, revision guides and handouts will be provided by the college. If you want to buy any extra resources please ask for guidance. Key materials will also be available on Microsoft TEAMS.

Equipment List and Software Training

Every lesson will require pens and paper, and you will need a file or folder to store all of your notes and handouts. Specifically for Media Studies, during the year, you will also need to:

- Buy a 32GB SD Card (for short film/media production), which you can buy for under £10.
- Sign-up to Adobe Accredited Training for *Premier Pro* and/or *Photoshop*, which cost £30 each. This is a mandatory addition to your main programme of study, which you will be expected to complete during Year 1. It will support you with your coursework, as well as adding a professional digital qualification to your CV, and therefore help with progression the Higher Education and industry. NB: If you choose moving image production, you will be expected to complete *Premier Pro* and for print production, you will be expected to complete *Photoshop* training.

Trips, Visits and Digital Events

Over the two-year course, there will be several external visits. Specific details for each one will be sent out in letters nearer the time for each trip. Here is an overview of intended trips or visits, which are not mandatory:

Autumn Term: Vue Cinema Trip – Joker: Folie a Deux (October - date TBC); Bolton International Film Festival (2th-20th October – live and on-line – details to follow); Aesthetica Short Film Festival (online – 6th-30th November)

Spring Term: Trip to the National Media Museum in Bradford (Jan/Feb 2025 – date TBC, anticipated cost per head £20)

Summer Term: BIMM Film and Media Production Taster Day (date TBC).

There will be further opportunities for other external visits or trips across the year, relating to Film and Media, details of which will follow in due course.

Other information

If you choose the film production option for your coursework, you will not need to buy your own camera. We own a range of 4K cameras, which we will loan out to you, but please be aware that this will require a signature of consent from your parents.