

Subjects taught in Media Studies

GCSE

WJEC's GCSE in Media Studies offers students the opportunity to explore media in an integrated way.

The course is assessed by examination (50%) and by work internally assessed and externally moderated (50%).

The features of WJEC's specification are:

- organised in terms of three study areas – media texts, their audiences and the organisations which produce and distribute them. This means that all topics studied are approached in the same way and students develop their knowledge and understanding as the course progresses,
- allows for students to develop research, planning and production skills through creative work at all stages in the course. This means that their learning is reinforced through exploring texts (textual analysis), research and planning work (preproduction) and production work (all internally assessed),
- Flexibility in regards to the creative tasks and the project work which can be completed.

AS/A2

Along with all AS/A Level Specifications, the new WJEC AS/A Level in Media Studies is shortly to be approved by the curriculum authority, QCA, for first teaching from September 2008. From September 2008, there will be four units – two at AS and two at A2. One unit in each year is internally assessed.

There will continue to be opportunities for creative productions in AS and, for the first time, in A2. The A2 internally assessed unit combines research with a production based on that research. Students will thus be able to create productions which are informed by media issues as well as develop the appropriate research and production skills.

Subjects taught in Film Studies

GCSE

Aim

To provide an introduction to the new GCSE Film Studies specification, to explore possible course structures and teaching approaches.

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AS: to provide an introduction to the AS Film Studies specification, exploring course structures and teaching approaches for teachers new to the specification.

A2: to provide an introduction to A2 Film Studies for new teachers to the second year of the specification.

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