



SIXTH FORM BRIDGING WORK & YEAR 11 DISCOVERY



Get Ready for Media Studies

Subject mind-set and BIG picture thinking & links...

At A-Level, you will be engaging with a wide range of media products in different media forms. You can use this Summer to explore the media and expand your experience – try out new and different media products (TV/films/newspapers/magazines/music videos/adverts/games/etc) instead of what you usually stick to!

Also explore film making and photography too – ideas and links below:

Please explore the following tasks:

Work to complete

Try our One-Month Media Challenge! Over the next 30 days, try to complete all ten of the following:

- (1) A film &/or TV show in a language other than English (Try Walter Recommends, Ch4)
- (2) A female-led (actor/director/writer) film or TV show
- (3) At least one episode of a TV show made before 1980 (try YouTube)
- (4) A film made in the 1980s
- (5) A film made in the 1970s
- (6) A film made in the 1960s or before
- (7) Watch at least three music videos by an artist you like, and three by an artist you are not a fan of.
- (8) Read two magazine articles from either Women's or Men's Health, Cosmopolitan or GQ (online is fine).
- (9) Download BBC Sounds and listen to a podcast on a topic or pastime you enjoy (e.g. F1, true crime etc.).
- (10) A news report on a current event from two contrasting sources (BBC R1 and R4, Sky and GB News etc.)

Good luck!

Recommended textbooks

WJEC Eduqas Media Studies for AS and A level by Christine Bell and Lucas Johnson (published by Illuminate Publishing) – note however it is expensive, the text change regularly (so avoid second hand unfortunately) - all the material you need for the exams will be covered in lessons.

Do visit the Eduqas website though as it has excellent digital resources that are regularly updated:

[AS and A Level Media Studies | Eduqas](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/AS-and-A-Level-Media-Studies)



Recommended websites you should explore

Daniel Chandler's collection of Media Theory links <http://visual-memory.co.uk/daniel/media/>
British Film Institute Player – free content: [New free films on BFI Player](#)

Related magazines, blogs subject experts

Total Film, *Empire*, *Sight and Sound* (monthly film magazines) and *Radio Times* (weekly listings magazine) are always good for background and examples.

The Media Show on BBC Radio 4 is great for discussion of industry and creative issues in the UK media (find it on the BBC Sounds app).

Try to read a variety of newspapers and magazines, not just your usual one, especially *Daily Mirror* and *The Times*. Buy and read a copy of *The Big Issue* magazine.

Over the Summer, start exploring and collecting media resources that you find interesting, e.g. examples of print adverts (including video games), music videos and film posters – you could refer to these as examples later.

Media Production Ideas

Take photos and short videos out and about or at home, to explore shot types and moves. Film lip-synchs of verses of your favourite songs. Experiment with filming in different lights/times of day – think about which you prefer and why. Look at YouTube 'How to' shorts for ideas on use of camera:

[No Help? How to Film Yourself in A Cinematic Way \(A Complete Guide\)](#)

[12 Shots you should know](#)

[12 Easy Tips & Tricks for Filming Solo](#)

[6 Shots That Took My Music Videos to ANOTHER LEVEL](#)

[5 Shots That Make Your Life Look Like a Movie](#)

[How To Edit A Video Like GAWX Art](#)

[9 Cuts Every Video Editor Should Know | Filmmaking Tips - YouTube](#)

We live in an amazing photogenic area - have some fun capturing it!

Possible virtual places to visit

BBC New Broadcasting House: <https://www.eyerevolution.co.uk/blog/bbc-new-broadcasting-house/>

BBC Radio 1: <https://www.360virtualtour.co/portfolio/bbc-radio-1-virtual-tour/>

Warner Bros Film Studio: <https://www.hollywood.com/movies/experience-a-360-degree-virtual-tour-of-the-warner-bros-studio-lot-60693621/>

Harry Potter ride Universal Studios, Hollywood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JV8-CBTlc6g>

Or visit [House of MinaLima](#) – a brilliant FREE store and museum run by the set designers for the movies in Soho, London

There are so many more places too - just follow your interests and use YouTube/the internet!

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It is time to look forward and explore the courses you are planning to study in the future.

Getting organised: Begin to set up a Learning folder digital or at home for your chosen subjects.

(Shoreham Sixth Form has a way of organising this)