



# 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 many 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!

**Please explore the following tasks:**

### Work to complete

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

- (1) A film in a language other than English
- (2) At least one episode of a TV show in a language other than English
- (3) A female-led (actor/director/writer) film or TV show
- (4) A film or TV show that offers an ethnically-diverse experience
- (5) At least one episode of a TV show made before 1980 (try YouTube)
- (6) A film made in the 1980s
- (7) A film made in the 1970s
- (8) A film made in the 1960s or before
- (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 and that all the material you need for the exams will be covered in lessons.

### Recommended websites you should be familiar with

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 *Vogue* and *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.

### Recommended books & revision guides

WJEC Eduqas Media Studies for AS and A level by Christine Bell and Lucas Johnson (published by Illuminate Publishing) – see above.

Try reading any books related to media in which you are particularly interested. If you like a genre or a specific film/TV show, Amazon is a good starting point to find possible titles, likewise look for behind-the-scenes articles and guides on the internet.

### 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>

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

### Teachers contact for questions and more information

Ms Emma Locke (CL Media Studies): [emma.locke@shoreham-academy.org](mailto:emma.locke@shoreham-academy.org)

Mr Steve Frimpon (teacher of KS5 Media Studies, DoS Emerald): [steve.frimpon@shoreham-academy.org](mailto:steve.frimpon@shoreham-academy.org)

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)