



NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL



MEDIA STUDIES A LEVEL - OCR (Media Studies H409)

Who is the course for?

Students interested in analyzing and producing media products, who have a passion for Media and a good understanding of a range of media texts.

What can it lead to?

Practical or theoretical media studies courses at university and careers which may include film, television, advertising or new media industries.

What are the entry requirements?

You are not required to have studied Media Studies in advance, but if you studied Media Studies as a GCSE subject you must have achieved Grade 5 or above.

What will I study?

This contemporary, accessible and creative course has been designed with learners in mind.

In the first year you will complete a non-examined assessment that will practically explore the creation of three linked media products in a cross media production.

At the end of the first year and then into the second year you will prepare for two end of course examinations.

The first examination will explore how media products are used by institutions to construct different representations and how media audiences interpret these products. Learners will use aspects of the theoretical framework to analyse and evaluate their own cross-media productions. The second examination will allow learners to explore and analyse the ideas and arguments from the debates about the media. These debates will be drawn from:

- A historical perspective
- The digital age
- Global media

How will I be taught?

Through whole class, small group, paired and individual teaching and practical exercises using a range of media.

How will I be assessed?

One non-examination assessment and two end of course examinations.

Media Messages (01) Written examination, worth 35% of total A Level.

Evolving Media (02) Written examination, worth 35% of total A Level.

Making media (03/04) non examined assessment, worth 30% of total A Level.

What equipment or materials do I need?

At home you will need access to a DVD recorder and television. It would be beneficial to own a DSLR camera and have access to Adobe Photoshop and a Video editor (at Nower Hill we use Final Cut Pro X).

Date(s) of Assessment

End of course examinations in May/June 2nd Year

Are there any links to other courses?

Media links to most other courses, particularly Arts and English.