

Media Studies Homework Rationale

The Media Studies Department recognises that homework can be used to build on and develop the skills worked on in lessons in which students can apply to wider contexts and to a range of different media texts. It is an opportunity for students to reveal solid evidence of the learning that has taken place, and whether skills have been learnt sufficiently to help them build a range of knowledge and skills from unseen products to set texts leading to an application of learning to be transferred wider than just the classroom.

The department believes consolidation tasks and wider reading will prepare students to:

- Reinforce and consolidate learning in the classroom
- Allow the opportunity to extend work in the classroom
- The revision of topics in preparation for assessment or new work.
- Involve parents in the learning process
- Allow further opportunities to keep up to date with current Media changes whilst exposing students to cultural capital (Hinterland)
- Develop independent learning and teaching time management skills
- Developing thinking skills including research and understanding how the media select what they communicate to an audience.

KEY STAGE 4 AND 5 Homework at Key Stage 4 and 5 will be set at least weekly, although the task set will be dependent on the class and the stage of the course. Teachers will ensure that the homework builds on skills learnt whilst preparing students to consume a wide range of media texts with a critical eye. Microsoft Teams will be used for Media Studies students, and there is an expectation to use the channel to submit homework whilst interacting with the 'Wider Reading Channel' by uploading and commenting on posts. This will promote lifelong learners but also ensure our students are kept to date with the ongoing convergence of Media Studies and their products. KS5 students will be expected to do more reading, especially on the academic theories of Media Studies and there is an expectation for 30mins each day outside the classroom to be dedicated to Media Studies, this can take the form of using directed study or after school. In addition to wider reading, revision and lesson/topic recap will also be required outside the lesson. The Media Studies department recommends this is done at the end of each of the nine topics. Students should be doing this on a regular basis to help them build on their learning and reduce any exam stress in their final year. This will allow misconceptions of topics/ lessons to be dealt with at the earliest opportunity and ensure preparation for exams is thorough.

MARKING HOMEWORK All homework submitted will be marked in a timely manner and highlight any inaccuracies where relevant to the task focus.

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