Year: 12 A level Subject: Media Studies

Curriculum Intent:

- Students will study the media in an academic context and apply the knowledge and understanding gained to the process of creating their own media productions.
- Students will widen their analysis of global and historical media.
- Students will develop critical and reflective thinking to encourage engagement in the critical debates surrounding contemporary media.
- Students will engage with critical and theoretical approaches from the perspectives of both analytical consumers and producers of media products.
- Students will develop skills of critical thinking, decision making and analysis. They will develop an understanding of the dynamic and changing relationships between media forms, products, media industries and audiences.
- Students will be able to apply specialist subject terminology and engage in critical debate about academic theories in Media Studies.
- Students will also engage in practical activities and production of creative media products.



	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
	Introduction to Media Framework		Radio video games Advertising / Music Videos		Revision and NEA	
Topic Titles (in order of delivery)	 Media Institution Media Audience Film Introduction to Creating Media 	 Representation Media Language The Big Issue Introduction to Creating Media 	 BBC Radio 1 Breakfast Show Video Games – Animal Crossing Long Form TV Drama – Stranger Things 	 Advertising & Marketing Music Videos Introduction to news 	1. Revision 2. End of Year examination 3. NEA 2. End of Year examination 3. NEA 3. NEA	
Key knowledge / Retrieval topics	Media Theorist: Hesmondhalgh (Cultural Indsutry) Gauntlett (Identity / audience) Todorov	Media Theorist: Stuart Hall (Representation) Roland Bartes (Media Language) Vladimir Props (Character types). Not on list of theorists but interesting to learn.	• Ofcom	 Mise-en-scene Sound Camera shot-types and angles, Editing Layout Use of text and fonts Colour 		

Understanding / Sequence of delivery	 Definition of Key concepts Introduction to media theory Film – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937) and Shang-Chi and The Legend of The Ten Rings (2021) – production, distribution, promotion Intro to magazine front cover design (practical prep – including use of photoshop) 	 Definition of Key concepts. Introduction media to theory Codes and conventions of magazine Media language and representation (ideology) Political, social, cultural context of The Big Issue Comparison with other magazines (charity and mainstream) Intro to magazine front cover design (practical prep – including use of photoshop) 	 BBC Radio 1 industry (BBc remit) Radio 1 Breakfast - analysis of how remit is met Radio: Audience, OFCOM and regulation, context, digital convergence Animal Crossing production, distribution and circulation Video games: Audience, OFCOM and regulation, context, digital convergence Stranger Things - representation, genre, 	1.Representation and media language in advertising case studies: Dove 'Too Many Cooks', River Island 'Labels are for Clothes', Shelter 7. Representation and media language in Music videos — case studies: David Guetta Titanium, Lil' Naz Sun Goes Down 8. Print and online news- media language and representations, application of theorists and genre (Van Zoonen, Levi-Strauss, Neale, Hall Gauntlet, Gilroy)	 Revision of topics covered so far Intro to NEA brief Audience research Initial ideas for magazine designs Magazine mock ups 	1. Revision of topics covered so far 2. Research into codes and conventions of genre. Looking at existing productions 6. Creation of magazine covers and contents pages
Assessment	CAT – Snow White Question Question Practical CAT – Create a charity magazine front cover	CAT – Big Issue Question Practical CAT – Create a charity magazine front cover	Radio 1 exam question exam question	Advertising question Music video question	End of Year exam	Magazine front cover and contents pages

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