

KS5 Curriculum Overview: Year 13 A-Level Media Studies Academic Year 2023-2024



Rationale			A learner in Year 13 will be able to			
In Year 13 learners will learners will develop their knowledge and understanding of the aspects of			Critically analyse and evaluate how meanings are created and how reality is constructed within a media			
the theoretical framework, theories and theoretical perspectives. Students will use their			text. Learners will be able to address theoretical perspectives, make judgements and conclusions and			
knowledge of the magazine industry and television industry to create their own production as			identify the different functions of the media.			
part of their NEA.						
Term 1.1.	Term 1.2.	Term 2.1.	Term 2.2.	Term 3.1.	Term 3.2.	
Black Mirror and The Returned	Woman and Adbusters	KSI/JJ Olatunji and Attitude	Exam Revision: Component 1	Exam Revision: Component 1	Exam Revision: Component 2	
(A01/2) – Contexts, Media	Magazine (A01/2) – Contexts,	Magazine (A01/2) – Contexts,	and 2 (A01/2)	and 2 (A01/2)	(A01/2)	
Language, Representation,	Media Language,	Media Language,				
Audience and Industry	Representation, Audience and	Representation, Audience and	d	Component 1 Exam: Monday	Component 2 Exam: Tuesday	
	Industry	Industry		20th May 2024	4 th June 2024	

Term 1	Term 1.1. Black Mirror and The Returned (A01/2) Component 2	Term 1.2. Woman and Adbusters Magazine (A01/2) Component 2	Autumn % Assessment
Term 1 Topic Coverage	Knowledge Understanding of the global TV industry Understanding of the global TV regulation Understanding of ownership within the TV industry Understanding of economic factors within TV and the effects Understanding of how media language communicates meaning in TV programmes Understanding of cultural, social and historical contexts and the effect this has on representations Understanding of how media companies target audiences Skills Analyse the meanings created in TV programmes Discuss how TV programmes conform to genre conventions Explain how contexts affect representations of social groups, as well as audience interpretations	Understanding of the global magazine industry Understanding of economic factors within magazines and the effects Understanding of how media language communicates meaning in magazines Understanding of cultural, social and historical contexts and the effect this has on representations Understanding of how media companies target audiences Skills Analyse the meanings created in magazines Discuss how magazines conform to genre conventions Explain how contexts affect representations of social groups, as well as audience interpretations Explain the impact of ownership, regulation and technology on magazines	Autumn % Assessment Knowledge coverage: Complete Component 1 mock and partial Component 2 mock that covers all areas studied across the course. AO1 – Knowledge of industry and audiences AO2 – analysis of media language and representation Skills tested: Knowledge, understanding, application of theory, making judgements and conclusions, critical analysis
	 Explain the impact of ownership, regulation and technology on global TV Discuss how mass and specialised audiences are targeted for TV programmes Evaluate and apply a range of theories in regards to the set texts Assessment Formative assessment: Knowledge checks built into SOW Summative assessment: BM Media Language, Audience & Industry, The Returned Audiences Reading/Literacy/Oracy Discussions about the representations of the LGBTQIA+ community and how this 	Discuss how mass and specialised audiences are targeted for magazines Evaluate and apply a range of theories in regards to the set texts Assessment Formative assessment: Knowledge checks built into SOW Summative assessment: Woman Audiences/Context, Adbusters Contexts Reading/Literacy/Oracy Discussions about the gender roles in the 1960s and how this was	critical analysis
	has changed since the 1980s Discussions about the role of regulation within the media industry Discussions about the impact of technology on media industries Home Learning Weekly tasks based on the global TV industry	beginning to change Discussions about the role of regulation within the media industry Discussions about the impact of technology on media industries Discussions about social and cultural issues in modern society Home Learning Weekly tasks based on the global magazine industry	
Term 2	Term 1.1. KSI and Attitude Magazine (A01/2) Component 2	Term 2.2. Exam Revision: Component 1 and 2 (A01/2) Component 1 & 2	Spring % Assessment
Topic Coverage	Knowledge Understanding of the online media industry Understanding of economic factors within online media and the effects	Knowledge Recall the key information, contexts, theoretical framework and theoretical perspectives of each examined component.	Knowledge coverage:



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	 Understanding of how media language communicates meaning in magazines Understanding of cultural, social and historical contexts and the effect this has on representations Understanding of how online media influencers and magazines target audiences Skills Analyse the meanings created in online media products Discuss how vlogs and magazines conform to genre conventions Explain how contexts affect representations of social groups, as well as audience interpretations Explain the impact of ownership, regulation and technology on online media Discuss how mass and specialised audiences are targeted for online media Evaluate and apply a range of theories in regards to the set texts 	Skills Knowledge, understanding, analysis, application of theory, making judgments and conclusions, critical analysis Assessment Summative assessment on knowledge of Component 1 and 2. Formative assessment: in class mocks – Component 1 and Component 2	Complete Component 2 mock that covers all areas studied across the course. AO1 – Knowledge of industry and audiences AO2 – analysis of media language and representation Skills tested: Knowledge, understanding, application of theory, making judgements and conclusions, critical analysis
	Assessment Formative Assessment: Knowledge check built into SOW Summative Assessment: KSI Industry, Attitude Representations		
	Reading/Literacy/Oracy Discussions about the LGBQTIA+ community and how they are mis and underrepresented Discussions about the role of regulation within the online media industry Discussions about the impact of technology on media industries Discussions about social and cultural issues in modern society	Reading/Literacy/Oracy Students to share ideas regarding aspects of the course as a class or in groups. Group presentations. Investigating the websites, social media platforms, unseen texts and applying relevant theory.	
	Home Learning Weekly tasks based on the online media industry	Home Learning Tasks set after every lesson, based on revision and examination skills	
Term 3	Term 3.1. Exam Revision: Component 1 and 2 (A01/2) Component 1 & 2 Component 1 Exam: Monday 20th May 2024	Term 3.2. Exam Revision: Component 2 (A01/2) Component 2 Component 2 Exam: Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Summer % Assessment
Topic Coverage	Knowledge Recall the key information, contexts, theoretical framework and theoretical perspectives of each examined component. Skills Knowledge, understanding, analysis, application of theory, making judgments and	Knowledge Recall the key information, contexts, theoretical framework and theoretical perspectives of each examined component. Skills Knowledge, understanding, analysis, application of theory, making judgments and	Knowledge coverage: Complete in class Component 1 and Component 2 mocks that covers all areas studied across the year
	Conclusions, critical analysis Assessment Summative assessment on knowledge of Component 1 and 2. Formative assessment: in class mocks – Component 1 and Component 2 Reading/Literacy/Oracy Students to share ideas regarding aspects of the course as a class or in groups. Group presentations. Investigating the websites, social media platforms, unseen texts and applying	conclusions, critical analysis Assessment Summative assessment on knowledge of Component 1 and 2. Formative assessment: in class mocks – Component 1 and Component 2 Reading/Literacy/Oracy Students to share ideas regarding aspects of the course as a class or in groups. Group presentations. Investigating the websites, social media platforms, unseen texts and	AO1 – Knowledge of industry and audiences AO2 – analysis of media language and representation Skills tested: Knowledge, understanding, application of theory, making
	relevant theory Home Learning Tasks set after every lesson, based on revision and examination skills	applying relevant theory. Home Learning Tasks set after every lesson, based on revision and examination skills	judgements and conclusions, critical analysis