SUBJECT: MEDIA STUDIES

Title of GCE: Edugas Media Studies

Exam Board: Eduqas
Syllabus Number: A680QS
Single or Double Award: Single

Course Overview:

The course enables students to:

- View, evaluate and analyse a variety of media products
- Develop practical skills spanning a range of media forms (e.g. how to put together a newspaper or magazine)
- Develop research, problem-solving skills and creativity
- Refine debating skills through the discussion of contemporary issues from a range of perspectives
- Build their capacity for independent research
- Gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the role media plays in day-to-day life.

Why it appeals to students:

- its contemporary relevance
- the hands-on practical work involved in producing a video, web page or magazine
- the skills gained from the coursework units learning about the process in the planning phase, developing production skills and evaluating their completed work against their intentions
- how the topics covered relate to their everyday lives

A Level Assessment:

Examinations:

Paper 1: Media products, industries and audiences (35% of A-level)

Paper 2: Media forms and products in depth (35% of A-level)

Coursework/NEA:

Worth 30% of A Level.

Non-exam assessment: Cross-media production task

Brief outline of coursework/controlled assessments:

Students independently create a media product (a magazine, a short television programme, a music video or film posters) in response to a brief set by the exam board. They then create a second task in a different Media form such as a website, magazine, podcast or youtube channel.

Students will write a statement of intent which will be assessed, along with the media product itself (30% of A-level)

Career opportunities:

Degrees in Media, English Literature and Journalism. Careers in TV production, journalism, or advertising.

Students who study this subject often complement it with:

Art, English Literature, Photography, Sociology

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