



Year 13 Media Studies



What have students at St. Crispin's been taught to understand and be able to do?

Core Knowledge

Year 12 - Students begin the course with an introduction to Media Studies. This gives them an understanding of media language and terminology alongside a basic understanding of media theory. Students then begin work on their Close Study Products. These are a collection of media products chosen by the exam board (AQA).

Year 13 - Students continue to work on Close Study Products. In September pupils begin NEA.

Students are expected to demonstrate an in depth knowledge of media products in relation to the four areas of the theoretical framework:

- media language
- media representation
- media industries
- media audiences.

Students are required to study media products from all of the following media forms:

- television
- film
- radio
- newspapers
- magazines
- advertising and marketing
- online, social and participatory media
- video games
- music video.

Core Skills

Across the A-Level pupils are expected to:

- demonstrate skills of enquiry, critical thinking, decision making and analysis
- demonstrate a critical approach to media issues
- demonstrate appreciation and critical understanding of the media and their role both historically and currently in society, culture, politics and the economy
- develop an understanding of the dynamic and changing relationships between media forms, products, media industries and audiences
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the global nature of the media
- apply theoretical knowledge and specialist subject specific terminology to analyse and compare media products and the contexts in which they are produced and consumed in order to make informed arguments, reach substantiated judgements and draw conclusions about media issues
- engage in critical debate about academic theories used in media studies
- appreciate how theoretical understanding supports practice and practice supports theoretical understanding
- demonstrate sophisticated practical skills by providing opportunities for creative media production list of aims.



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How has learning been assessed?

Pupils sit exam style assessments at the end of each mini unit (after each two CSPs).

Students sit Mock Exam (Paper 1) in Year 12 and a complete mock in Year 13.