



## Verulam School: Key Stage 4 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

**Department: Media Studies**  
**Subject Leader: Ben Jameson**

**Subject Vision:** Within the Media Studies department all students will demonstrate skills of enquiry, critical thinking, decision-making and analysis. We want them to acquire knowledge and understanding of a range of important media issues and develop appreciation and critical understanding of the media and their role both historically and currently in society, culture and politics. Our students will understand and apply 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. We want our students to appreciate how theoretical understanding supports practice and practice supports theoretical understanding whilst developing practical skills by providing opportunities for creative media production

<b>YEAR 10</b>						
<b>Term</b>	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>
Topic/Unit Title	Media introduction and Basics	Music Videos	Music Magazines	NEA	NEA	NEA catch up - if needed.
Assessment	Retrieval test on: Camera Sound Mise en Scene Lighting	Exam task: Teenage Dirtbag/Sk8er Boi.	Representations task: Race or Gender	Produce a cover and a middle page spread for the style of magazine specified in the OCR exam brief.	Produce a cover and a middle page spread for the style of magazine specified in the OCR exam brief.	Exam task: Radio-With reference to Radio 1 Live Lounge to support the answer.
<b>YEAR 11</b>						
<b>Term</b>	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>
Topic/Unit Title	News Papers and Online News	Promoting Media	TV	Revision	Revision	N/A

Assessment	Exam task: Focus: how broadsheet newspapers reflect the historical contexts in which they were written.	Exam task: Focus: 'The Lego Movie' using Blumler and Katz's uses and gratifications. theory	Focus: Note taking and questions, linked to the technical knowledge expected in the exam.	Practice papers	N/A	N/A
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