

## Media Studies – Summer work

Dear future Media Studies students,

Ahead of September, I'd like you to complete some tasks so that I get to know you and understand your knowledge of the subject.

### Task 1 – Your media consumption

We study the following areas of Media across the course, please complete the table.

Media form	Exploration
TV	What types of TV show do you watch? What is your favourite TV show?
Film (we do not study films but rather the industry)	What is your favourite film and why?  Do you have a favourite genre?
Radio	Do you listen to the radio at all? If so, what station and when? Do you listen to any podcasts? If so, which?
Magazines	Do you read any print versions of magazines? If so, which?  Do you read digital versions of magazines? If so, which?
Newspapers	Do you buy a print copy of a newspaper? Do your parents/guardians? If so, which? Do you read an online version of a newspaper? If so, which?
Music videos	What is your favourite music video and why?
Social media	What social media platforms do you use?  Do you follow any celebrities, musicians, sports people? Who?
Video Games	Do you play video games? What platform do you play games on? What is your favourite game and why?
Advertising and marketing	Have you ever seen an advert and been instantly convinced to buy the product? If so, what was it? What worked so well?

**Skills audit:**

Media type	Do you currently do this or in the past?	Does this area of media practical work interest you?
Shooting music videos/short films/mock tv or film trailers		
Edited any of the above on software such as imovie, Final Cut or Adobe		
Created a video game		
Created a website		
Produce social media videos		
Graphic design		

**Extended writing task:**

Write a 500 word case study where you choose from the options below and explore how the producers of the text create meaning through various elements:

- 1) A music video of your choice (state the artist and video)
- 2) A TV show of your choice – you may wish to focus on a particular sequence rather than the entire episode

**Suggested wider study:**

Those of you who are looking to really excel should be consuming a wide range of media across the A-Level course so here are some suggestions to get you started:

**TV** (Some may be dependent on what streaming service you have but also don't worry if you don't have access to any of these)

- Atlanta (Disney+) – This is easily the most creative TV show right now, arguably ever...
- The Sopranos (Sky) – The following three are seen as the three best TV series ever made, watching either or all of them will greatly enhance your knowledge of TV and are just wonderful to watch.
- The Wire (Sky)
- Breaking Bad (Netflix)

**Newspapers**

Read articles from papers with contrasting political standpoints. One of our close studies will be on the Daily Mail and The Guardian so focus on these papers and their free websites.

**Radio**

Consider listening to some podcasts and any radio programmes beyond those that just play music. The BBC Sounds website is an excellent place to start.

**Magazines**

Consider picking up a magazine that relates to your own interests. This could be fashion, sport, music etc and exploring how they design the magazine and the content that they create.