



# MEDIA DEPARTMENT

## Curriculum Overview



The curriculum of the school reflects the demands of the National Curriculum. It is designed in order to provide all pupils with a broad, balanced education relevant to their needs both now and in the future.

## **Departmental Overview**

The Media Department comprises two specialist teachers and two specialist computer suites equipped with 50 state-of-the-art iMac computers, Canon digital cameras and specialised photographic equipment. Each computer is equipped with specialised software including; Photoshop and website building programmes.

## **Departmental Staff**

Mr M McGrath

Head of Department

Mr M Black

Media/Film/Photography Teacher

Mr D Feeney

SLT Line Manager

# Year 9/10/11 Creative Media Production (KS4)

## Examination/Specification Board

EDEXCEL (BTEC)

## Curriculum Overview

This is a two year course consisting of two core units and two optional units. The compulsory units are:

- Digital Media Sectors and Audiences
- Planning and Pitching a Digital Media Product.

The two optional units will cover a range of media from film to computer games to animation. The choice is varied. A BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Creative Media Production is an ideal starting place for pupils looking for routes into colleges, universities and careers in the media. Students will gain many transferable skills including research and analytical skills as they focus on skills such as audio and video production. Students will be using ICT to produce imaginative media texts for assignments. Students will be involved in a variety of teacher-led activities and encouraged to conduct individual study and wider reading.

## Examinations/Key Assessments

Students are internally assessed on three of the units and externally assessed on Unit 1. The course has a good mix of practical and written elements. Interim assessments take place over the period of the course to help students stay on track. There is no final examination.

## Homework

Homework tasks are ongoing, as students are meant to seize the initiative and work at home independently on their unit work. This is to encourage commitment, intelligent responses and individual study. Enthusiasm for the subject is essential. Additional support sessions are offered on several nights throughout the week.

## How Parents can Help

Ensure that your son regularly checks Show My Homework and completes all tasks/assignments set. Throughout this course students will become proficient in the use of various software programmes. Some of these programmes can be downloaded free for use at home, your son will be provided with a list of websites to use.

# Year 12/13 Digital Media (KS5)

## Examination/Specification Board

CTEC Extended Certificate in Digital Media (Single)

## Curriculum Overview

This course will allow the students to explore more than just the traditional elements of media normally associated with the A level qualification. Students will focus on learning about theoretical aspects of media audiences and products (Unit 1), alongside detailed exploration of pre-production and planning (Unit 2) in the media, in order to prepare themselves for the external exam that they will take over the course of the two years. These units form a compulsory part of the course and the remaining time is spent on optional units that support the mandatory ones. Digital Media is clearly a subject that relates well with regards to higher education, particularly for those students who want to go onto university to take a course that deals in practical and theoretical aspects of the media.

## Examinations/Key Assessments

There will be a combination of research, theory and practical work in this course. Students will sit an external exam and produce internally moderated practical coursework completed in the optional units.

## Homework

Each student will be set one homework task per week. The majority of homework is set online via Show My Homework.

## How Parents can Help

Homework tasks will be set via Show My Homework, please encourage your son/daughter to check this website regularly. Students must complete a piece of coursework independently as part of this course. This will involve using digital equipment outside of school. Supporting your son/daughter with this will be of tremendous benefit.

# Year 12/13 Digital Media and Film (KS5)

## Examination/Specification Board

CTEC Diploma in Digital Media and Film (Double)

## Curriculum Overview

This course will allow the students to explore more than just the traditional elements of media normally associated with the A level qualification. Students will choose one of two specialist pathways and then focus on learning about theoretical aspects of media audiences and products (Unit 1), alongside detailed exploration of pre-production and planning (Unit 2) in the media (plus one other mandatory unit based on the chosen pathway), in order to prepare themselves for the external exam that they will take over the course of the two years. These units form a compulsory part of the course and the remaining time is spent on optional units that support the mandatory ones alongside the chosen pathway. Digital Media is clearly a subject that relates well with regards to higher education, particularly for those students who want to go onto university to take a course that deals in practical and theoretical aspects of the media.

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