



GCSE Film Studies

One year course.

Students will combine this course with up to five other GCSEs. Film Studies is a new subject at GCSE which covers areas such as film genre. It will develop your knowledge and understanding of how the film industry meets the needs of the audience, give you skills in film making and editing, and could provide a 'springboard' into studying Film at A Level. You'll begin by looking at films that you may have particularly enjoyed, then concentrate on one particular genre – next year it's DISASTER movies, studying them and analysing them to find out how they communicate ideas, build suspense and engage the film-going public. Then you'll look at one independent film and find out how films can feature people, cultures and settings that may be outside your direct experience of life.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- analysis, discussion, group work, practical work and written answers.

Students will need to be willing to experiment and use their creativity.

You can expect to:

- study and understand film studies terms and concepts;
- develop technical skills in several areas of film production;
- work independently and with others to produce work to deadlines; and
- work hard to meet deadlines.

Method of assessment:

There'll be a written exam at the end of the year which is worth 50% of the marks. The other 50% is gained through a piece of practical coursework. Following a close study of a film of your choice you'll create your own idea for a film, planning it and producing either a short film, a website, or a marketing campaign for the film.

Progression:

You may be able to progress on to AS Level courses, BTEC Extended Diploma and National Diploma courses, or the Advanced Diploma in Creative and Media.

Other information:

The College boasts a brand new creative arts building with the most up-to-date technology where students will develop skills in video editing software such as Final Cut Pro.