



FILM & MEDIA



COURSE GUIDE 2019



The medium is the message.

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Media Studies

Linear A Level
Exam Board: AQA

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OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Coming to Carmel is one of the best decisions I've ever made.

The subjects that I study push me to my limits and my subject teachers offer me constant support throughout my courses. During Enrichment I take part in High Achiever sessions for Media as well as participating in Young Christian Workers which has allowed me to develop my skills in social action and in campaigning. The highlight of my time at Carmel so far is meeting new people and taking part in extra activities to support my studies. In Media we had a visit from the BBFC, Hope University and Bauer Media. When I leave Carmel I would like to study Media with Childhood & Youth or Community Theatre and then I would like to go on and be a youth worker. I have been given so many great opportunities at Carmel and I would recommend it to anyone who's looking for an inclusive and welcoming place to study.

Ben Hodge Rainhill High
Studying: Media Studies, Drama & Theatre,
Sociology



Why choose Media Studies at Carmel?

A Level Media Studies is designed to enhance your enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the media and its role in your daily life. This course introduces you to both media ideas and the practice of production, giving you the chance to develop a real understanding of media platforms, the contemporary media landscape and its influential role in today's media saturated society.

What will this course involve?

- Skills of enquiry, decision making and analysis
- Application of critical approaches to media issues
- Developing an appreciation and critical understanding of the media and its role both historically and currently in society, culture, politics and the economy

- Developing an understanding of the dynamic and changing relationships between media forms, products, media industries and audiences
- Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the global nature of the media
- Application of 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.

How will I be assessed?

The A Level assessment involves 30% coursework and 70% examination.

Where does this course lead?

Because Media Studies develops so many skills, you are attractive to employers in a wide range of people-orientated careers. A Media Studies qualification will enable you to study Media Studies in Higher Education at degree level or contribute towards the points needed for entry to a range of other degrees in other subjects.

Students who have gained Media at Advanced Level have gone onto careers/courses in IT, Digital Media, Media Production, Journalism, Public Relations, Business and Management to name a few!



New York Trip



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Film Studies

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OUR STUDENTS SAY...

At this college the teachers are very helpful and won't hesitate to give you extra support if needed, not just in film but throughout Carmel College.

Overall there is a nice atmosphere and everybody is very friendly.

I enjoy Film Studies because it challenges both creative and academic skills. The coursework allows for a lot of creative freedom from making your own film to screenwriting, while the exam section of the course is very analytical. Specifically, I liked analysing a scene that I chose as part of my coursework. There are numerous enrichment opportunities available surrounding film, in particular I enjoyed a talk by the BBFC about how films get classified.

After I leave Carmel I hope to study Film further at university to get onto a Screen Writing course.

Zach Foster Rainford High
Studying: Film Studies, Graphic Design,
History



Why choose Film Studies at Carmel?

A Level Film Studies offers you the opportunity to develop and apply a range of high-level skills which will help prepare you for whichever pathway you choose beyond Carmel.

What will this course involve?

You will be offered an in-depth and rigorous course of study, which requires you to develop knowledge and understanding of:

- A diverse range of film, including documentary, film from the Silent Era, experimental film and short film
- Film practices from a historical, national and global context
- Films' relationships with social, political, cultural, historical and technological contexts
- How films generate meanings and responses
- Film as an 'art' form
- The concept of 'spectatorship'
- Relevant theories of film consumption and production

The course will offer you the opportunity to complete coursework through pursuing either a filmmaking or a screenwriting option.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment by examination will form 70% of your final marks on the course, with a further 30% contributed by coursework.

Where does this course lead?

More than half of A Level Film students usually progress to directly relevant HE courses, with most others progressing to HE courses in wider creative arts/humanities areas.

What support will I receive?

Every student will have access to extra tutorials run by experienced staff; these may be to enhance existing knowledge or just to give extra support to you if you have been absent or if you are finding a topic difficult to access. In the build up to examinations, regular revision sessions are offered to you to ensure you are fully prepared. All students have access to the dedicated computer suite when it is not being used for classes. Lessons are dynamic and engaging and all students are also encouraged to develop their skills of independent learning.





Student Coursework



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Bauer International Workshop

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the entry requirements for these courses?

Film Studies - You will need **GCSE grade 5 in English Language**.

Media Studies - You will need **GCSE grade 5 in English Language** and **grade 5 in Media Studies** (if studied).

What other activities can I get involved in?

The BFI Academy is now an established option for students to extend their knowledge and skills in a range of film-related workshops run by industry professionals. This year saw a highly successful trip to New York, with a follow-up planned for 2018. Other affordable trips are offered each year, along with opportunities to see and hear a number of visiting speakers. These include former students studying or working in the media and film industries, the Head of Education from the BBFC in London, and staff from local universities. Students are also encouraged to build their own portfolio of work as part of enrichment activities.

How successful are Carmel's Film & Media students?

Film and Media Studies are very popular and successful courses with consistently very good results. An increasing number of our students each year leave to enter careers or further study in media or related areas. Past students have become journalists, camera operators for Sky, PR consultants/advertising executives, film makers, digital media managers and have entered a host of other such media related careers.

Media Studies	2015	2016	2017	2018
A*-B	65%	63%	55%	49%
A*-E	100%	100%	100%	100%
Film Studies				
A*-B	81%	78%	87%	70%
A*-E	100%	100%	100%	100%

Meet the Tutors

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Stretch and Challenge

All Film and Media students are encouraged to enter film and journalism competitions to develop their skills and build up portfolios for future applications to university and employment. Film and Media students also contribute to the marketing of departments in college such as write-ups for educational visits as well as filming dance and theatre performances. Our best students may be invited to join the Creative Arts Faculty High Achievers' Programme.

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More Information

The Exam Board websites contain details of the full course specifications:
Media Studies: www.aqa.org.uk Film Studies: www.eduqas.co.uk