



# BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

## MEDIA STUDIES

**QUALIFICATION:** A Level

**EXAM BOARD:** Eduqas

**COURSE LEADER:**  
Mrs Pattinson

### COURSE CONTENT

This subject option provides an opportunity for you to study the contemporary mass media industries and gain creative and practical skills in cross-media production.

Lessons explore both theory and practical skills from the start of the course with a focus on you developing a thorough working knowledge of relevant media language, concepts and technical skills.

Preparation for the examination units is based on close analysis of a range of case study texts.

In Year 12 students study: advertising, films, newspapers, radio and music videos for their Component 1 exam; and Television, Magazine, and Online for their Component 2 exam.

In Year 13, students complete the Cross-Media Production coursework which lasts for no more than 13 weeks. Students then revise and study the exam content ready for finals.

### PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- Be readers of newspapers like *The Times* and magazines like *Vogue*.
- Be watchers of TV series like *Peaky Blinders*, *The Bridge*
- Be listeners of Radio shows like *Women's Hour*.
- Be observers of independent films like *I, Daniel Blake* or blockbusters like *Black Panther*.
- Be critically analytical of social media influencers.

Be prepared to investigate these industries; who owns them, how they are made, how they make money, how they target specific audiences, how they represent the world around us.

Consider how you as a producer of media would take photos, film segments, design covers or adverts, and build websites. Learn how to frame a good photo and how to work a DSLR camera.

### ASSESSMENT

**Y12:** Internal examinations, preparing students for culminating A Level examination.

**Y13:** Two written examinations, each worth 35% of the A Level; a Cross-Media Production coursework worth 30% of the A Level.



### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Kings College London – English with Film Studies
- Sunderland University – Sport with Journalism
- Norwich University of the Arts – Animation

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

*“The cross-media coursework gives me a chance to focus on something I’m interested in, topics that apply to my own life.”*