

### **Key Stage 3**

Media and Film Studies are not discretely available until Key Stage 4 but there are subjects that do introduce a range of similar topics and skills, eg Art and English.

### **At Key Stage 4**

We offer GCSE Film Studies and BTEC Award in Creative Digital Media Production.

The Media BTEC Award is a more vocational course that offers a broad range of options across a range of media. The course is primarily achieved via completing units of coursework; however, there is also an examination component. This course works to respond to real media industry guidelines and requirements

Film Studies (WJEC) is purely focused in the world of Film: reading films and the business of films - production, distribution and exhibition. By refining the focus we are able to study this single strand of media in greater depth. Students will develop a range of skills across both their coursework and examinations; research and presenting on topics, planning, creating and evaluating film productions.

### **Key Stage 5**

We deliver both GCE A level and BTEC National Diploma in Creative Media Production courses; additionally, we can offer GCE A level Film Studies as an option, should there be sufficient demand.

The Media BTEC is an advanced level course and requires students to be keenly focused on industry expectations, often working independently and 'to near professional standards'. In completing this course students work with sophisticated equipment and software; it is training for work. There are a great many units to choose from and we try to let our students select those which motivate their own personal interests.

A Level Media Studies (OCR) is an academic study of media concepts with an equal mix of written essays and practical portfolio work on creating media productions. Students develop their research and analysis skills as well as being creatively challenged to create their own media productions.

### **Extracurricular**

Last year have been fortunate to be involved in a range of exciting extracurricular opportunities including:

Visits to SKY TV Skills Studio and to Pinewood Film Studios to see the Filming of Woman in Black (2)

Visits from the Producer of Woman In Black films and other TV professionals

Participation in BBC Schools News Day and the week long Wimbledon Bookfest Short Film Competition

Additionally we run regular clubs to catch up work and develop practical skills.