Denbigh School - Media Studies Frequently Asked Questions

What will Year 12 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

In year 12 you will have four lessons of 1 hour each. You will have one teacher teaching one subject for two of those hours and another teaching a different subject for the other two hours, so you get a good mix of subject and teachers.

What will Year 12 students need to do to get the most out of their lessons?

Year 12 Media Studies students need to be prepared to read independently and widely around their subject and to come to the lessons prepared to engage in discussion and analysis. It is great to learn from your peers.

Engage actively with the range of media sources around you and begin to take note of the signs, symbols and language used to manipulate your viewpoint.

How much homework will Year 12 students have in this subject?

Expect to do at least a couple of hours homework per teacher outside of your lessons. This will vary and might increase while you are writing coursework. It is a good preparation for university and independent study.

Which careers can this subject lead to?

Media Studies leads to a very broad range of further study and careers which include Journalism, Film Studies, Broadcasting and TV Production.

Which other subjects complement this subject?

Media Studies is a very versatile course. It is a useful subject if you are looking for a range of different course types as it provides a practical and a coursework element as well as examinations.

However Media Studies combines particularly well with English Language and Literature and with Art as well as Humanities and Business courses.

Are these subjects facilitating?

Although Media Studies is not a facilitating subject, it is still a recognised A Level and is valued by a number of practical and vocational University courses.

What GCSE grades do I need?

To study Media Studies you do not need to have studied the subject at GCSE. However it would be useful to have some of the skills and content gained from GCSE English Language at grade 4 and above.