

YEAR 12 – BRIDGING UNITS

A-LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES



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The 6th Form
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Media Studies

- Please complete the following bridging tasks by Thursday 17th September.
- File them in your A4 ring binder under 'Bridging Tasks'.

Course Title	Exam board
Media Studies	AQA
Units/Topics Studied Media One Section A: Media Language and Representations (advertising and marketing and music videos) Section B: Media Industries and Audiences (radio, newspapers and film) Media Two Television, magazines and online, social and participatory media/video games. Non-exam assessment: a choice of one of six annually changing briefs set by AQA.	

Bridging Tasks

Complete Task 1 and then choose either option A or option B.

Task one

Media Terminology. Find definitions and examples of the following media terms:

1. Mise en scene
2. Iconography
3. Common conventions
4. Diegetic sound
5. Non diegetic sound
6. Representations
7. Stereotype
8. Moral panics
9. Hypodermic Needle Theory
10. Media Language



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Option A ‘How are young people represented in contemporary media?’ Choose 3 contemporary media texts (year 2020 onwards) that represent youths in a particular way. Choose three different types of texts e.g. a TV programme (reality maybe), a magazine cover, a music video, a film clip etc. Focus on: • Camera (the types of shots, movements used and why) • Sound (lyrics, instruments, genre, dialect – what do these imply about young people) • Mis-en-scene (‘everything on screen’ – costume, props, lighting, makeup, location, set etc. What do these suggest about the young people. • Editing – can you make a link between how the text is put together and what it is implying about the young people?	Option B Genre Conventions Research 3 different types of media text from the list below. For each produce a montage/mood board (in colour) and list the key features they have in common (common conventions): • Film posters (separate into genres i.e. western, action, sci-fi, etc.) • CD sleeves/album covers • Gaming covers (separate into genres i.e. action, sport, horror, etc) • Magazine front covers (separate into genres – music, lifestyle etc) • Magazine double page articles • Billboards • Website home pages
In total, you should complete two tasks – Task 1 and a choice of Task A or B. Spend a few hours on these tasks over the next few weeks and collate all your work ready to submit when you return to school/college. Top Tip! The best thing you can do for Media Studies is to consume it! Explore the media and move out of your comfort zone for example: watch the news, read a newspaper, buy a niche magazine and read it, watch an independent film instead of a Hollywood Blockbuster, listen to a radio station that offers something different. There is so much out there other than social media! Spend the summer accessing as much as you can and enjoy!	