



COURSE SUMMARY

Film is an enigma. Most people in the world have seen a film. A great many would say that they enjoy films. Many of these would call themselves film fans or even film lovers. However, people rarely agree on what it is about film that they love.

Despite being a relatively young art form, the potential for studying film is as rich and varied as that for literature, music, theatre or fine art. Film Studies combines approaches, theories and practices from humanities, the social sciences, and the arts in a deep examination of how and why films work.

At A Level, we examine the dominance of Hollywood alongside its alternatives. We pull apart the building blocks of film before reconstituting them in our own productions. We question the very essence of cinema.

WHY STUDY FILM STUDIES?

This subject adds a new, evaluative perspective to an already interesting and most likely influential part of your life. *Matt*

Film Studies is all about understanding the effect a film has on an audience and applying these theories to practical projects. *Alex*

WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

We read about films. We talk about films. We watch films. We write about films. We enjoy films. We delve into our favourite films, discuss and analyse them. We even get the chance to script our own films. *Rebecca*

COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of Year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.

MIGHT LEAD TO...

Although Film Studies is not a vocational qualification, many students do go on to work in the film industry. The usual path is via a Higher Education degree. At the 2015 British Film Institute Conference, it was stated that film degrees are now second only to Medicine in ensuring employment in their respective industries. So, if you are interested in working in film, it would make sense to start here.

ADVICE ON ENTRY

Film Studies GCSE is not a requirement, but where students have completed the GCSE course, a B grade or higher is preferred.



"When I leave school I hope to go to drama school. I have studied Film, Drama and Media Studies."

Marie