

PS06/24-25/KSY/KLA

3rd September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on your child's progress in their final year of the GCSE Eduqas Media Studies course and to emphasise some important upcoming milestones. As we approach the conclusion of this course, the focus will be on completing coursework and preparing for the upcoming examinations. Your child's commitment and effort during this period will be crucial to their success.

Importance of Coursework and Early Revision

One of the most significant aspects of the GCSE Media Studies course is the coursework, which accounts for a substantial portion of the final grade. It is essential that your child remains focused and meets the upcoming deadlines to ensure their coursework is completed to the highest standard.

To support their revision for Component 1 which they learnt all the material for last year, we encourage students to begin creating revision resources using their folders. These folders contain valuable notes and materials that they can use to independently create revision tasks such as:

- **Mind Maps:** To organise key concepts and ideas visually.
- **Flashcards:** For quick revision of important terms and theories.
- **Practice Questions:** To test their understanding of key topics.
- **Summaries:** Condensing notes into brief, concise summaries for easy recall.

Starting revision early will allow your child to familiarise themselves with the content and develop a solid understanding, which will be invaluable when it comes to exam time.

Important Dates

Please take note of the following important dates of the public examinations for Media Studies:

- **Wednesday, 14th May 2025:** Component 1 Exam
- **Thursday, 22nd May 2025:** Component 2 Exam

In addition to these exam dates, please be aware of the following upcoming coursework deadlines:

- **9th September 2024:** First draft of Statement of Aims (SOA) due
- **26th September 2024:** First draft of Coursework Production due

It is important that your child adheres to these deadlines to ensure they remain on track and receive the necessary feedback to improve their work.

Media Catch-Up Sessions

To further support our students, we will continue to offer Media Catch-Up sessions every Tuesday lunchtime. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for students to complete outstanding work, revise, or receive additional help with their coursework. We strongly encourage your child to attend these sessions if they need extra support or wish to enhance their understanding of the course material.

We are committed to supporting your child through this crucial time and helping them achieve their full potential. Please feel free to contact the Media Studies department if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
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