

Curriculum at Key Stage Three

KS3 Years 7 & 8

At Key Stage Three, students will experience Media Studies as part of their English lessons with a view of selecting Media studies as a GCSE option in Year 8. They will be given more information about the subject before they make their choices.

Year 7 - includes a half term scheme of work based around superheroes. This introduces 'character' types and allows students to plan and create storyboards of their own superhero story. It will give students the opportunity to consider the idea of 'genre' with a focus on audience's expectations for the superhero genre.

Year 8 – after Christmas students choose their preferred module to study; this includes dystopian fiction and texts from other cultures. Teachers will make use of moving image (e.g. films, documentaries) during this module and analyse media texts alongside the actual texts. In some of these options students will be given the chance to plan and/or film their own production in groups e.g. a dystopian film trailer.

We also run a Media lunchtime club for Year 7 and 8. This will be an exciting opportunity for students to become involved in a range of activities from discussions about the latest film releases to filming and editing their own pieces, some of which will be entered in local and national competitions.