

Media Studies Year 12 Summer Work 2023/24

To prepare for your Media Studies A-Level, we want you to sample as much interesting grown-up media and media commentary as you can. This document presents a wide range of interesting things that we recommend. You should choose which ones you want to sample and learn from. They are all useful. Follow your own interests and look at the things which grab your attention.

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Inside Cinema on BBC iPlayer <https://tinyurl.com/3u3m45wp>



This programme looks at key tropes and ideas in cinema. It is a great introduction to thinking critically about film. Below are some particularly interesting episodes, which are broadly relevant to our course.

<https://tinyurl.com/5f879chn> *Women in Red*
<https://tinyurl.com/4cfhgz8c> *Maneaters*
<https://tinyurl.com/9am4ju3n> *Disney Divas*
<https://tinyurl.com/8ndtz864> *Storms*
<https://tinyurl.com/3a3by8uy> *Dancing Teens*
<https://tinyurl.com/2pavwz4w> *Studio Ghibli*
<https://tinyurl.com/d9m76frr> *Dolly Zooms*
<https://tinyurl.com/4udzuazk> *Ryan Coogler*
<https://tinyurl.com/hswne2n7> *Queer Villains*
<https://tinyurl.com/3zvnf284> *Marilyn Monroe*
<https://tinyurl.com/2ah7pv9y> *Underdogs*

<https://tinyurl.com/njren6w> *Mini Menaces*
<https://tinyurl.com/fsrvvj> *Drag Cinema*
<https://tinyurl.com/yky9kzme> *Forever Young*
<https://tinyurl.com/28sbe5db> *Cosmetics*
<https://tinyurl.com/kamwdssv> *Spy Spoofs*
<https://tinyurl.com/6udkkn66> *Lust*
<https://tinyurl.com/y6bahz6s> *Cinema Jerks*
<https://tinyurl.com/8mrzcdx7> *Fat On Film*
<https://tinyurl.com/mhtypp5p> *Breaking Up*
<https://tinyurl.com/yv9n62h2> *Credits*

The Papers on bbc.co.uk

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cpml2v678pxt>



Every day the BBC publishes this detailed round-up of the day's main stories and how they are covered in the UK's national newspapers. Have a look and start to understand the differences between different UK newspapers.

The Media Show on Radio 4

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00dv9hq>



Broadcast on a Wednesday at 16:00, this programme discusses relevant issues in the media, including many of the topics we will cover on the course. You can listen to any episode from its history on the website. You can get the media show as a podcast, too. Below are some specific episodes which are both relevant to the course and interesting.

<https://tinyurl.com/58h28w7m> *Journalism*

<https://tinyurl.com/3yhj26zb> *YouTube*

<https://tinyurl.com/kcc3hcef> *Diversity*

<https://tinyurl.com/2kswxm3e> *Netflix*

<https://tinyurl.com/fksakthb> *Sports Media*

<https://tinyurl.com/4m3kaak8> *TikTok News*

<https://tinyurl.com/3d5b3asm> *Doctor Who*

<https://tinyurl.com/3ukmk8dz> *Sports Media*

<https://tinyurl.com/utv984> *Love Island*

<https://tinyurl.com/f77uyrru> *Gender Equality*

<https://tinyurl.com/hfck6mp8> *Football*

<https://tinyurl.com/bp96c32a> *Newspapers*

<https://tinyurl.com/4nkhaerv> *TikTok*

<https://tinyurl.com/2s55d5uc> *The Guardian*

“Tropes Versus Women in Video Games” on YouTube

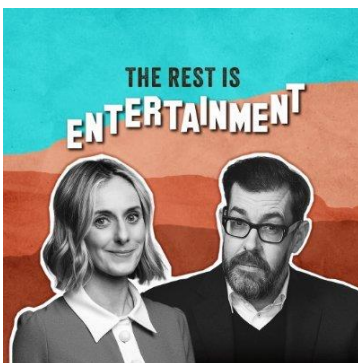
<https://tinyurl.com/3cmm28r8>



This series demonstrates a feminist approach to video games, and explores the way that video games may have included sexist or degrading messages through the years. Even if you don't agree, it is an interesting high-quality series, and a good example of Media criticism.

The Rest is Entertainment on YouTube

<https://tinyurl.com/yckcny5s>



Available on all podcast platforms, The Rest Is Entertainment pulls back the curtain on television, film, journalism and more with Richard Osman and Marina Hyde. The entire show would be good to listen to, but key episodes are below.

<https://tinyurl.com/vc3c8b4k> *Superheroes*

<https://tinyurl.com/22tc6n5x> *Channel 4 and Mr Beast*

<https://tinyurl.com/yekvryc6> *Elon Musk, Disney and TikTok*

<https://tinyurl.com/3b296m4a> *Taylor Swift and Rupert Murdoch*

<https://tinyurl.com/bdf7kudy> *The Hardest Jobs in TV*

BBC Radio Stations on BBC Sounds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds>



It would be great to sample a range of BBC Radio stations. Have some of them on in the background over your summer. Radio 4, especially, would be good to sample across the day, as it broadcasts a wide range of programmes.

Radio 1: <https://tinyurl.com/44v7zxr9>

Modern pop and current chart hits through the day, with alternative genres at night.

Radio 2: <https://tinyurl.com/34y9fwnw>

Pop music from the last 40 years in the day, and country, blues and folk at night.

Radio 3: <https://tinyurl.com/3mwvb5zy>

Classical music, opera, jazz, world music, drama, culture and the arts.

Radio 4: <https://tinyurl.com/pxcjswyx>

A wide variety of spoken-word programmes, including news, drama, comedy and discussion.

Radio 5live: <https://tinyurl.com/28srpcc>

News, sport, discussion, interviews and phone-ins.

Radio 6Music: <https://tinyurl.com/ycssy82y>

Alternative music.

Reading The News on News Websites



It would be great to sample a range of different news websites to help you understand the newspaper topic you will start to study in Year 12. Perhaps each day you could look at the news on a different site.

Some of the websites have paywalls, but you could still look at the headlines and the beginnings of articles on those sites.

See if you can work out who the paper is aimed at and if it has any political bias.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/index.html>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/>

<https://www.thetimes.com/>

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/>