



# Ensuring Success in Year 11 for GCSE Media Studies

Specification	<b>AQA (8752)</b>
Website for specification	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/gcse/media-studies-8572/specification-at-a-glance">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/gcse/media-studies-8572/specification-at-a-glance</a>
Tiered entry?	No
Paper 1	<p><b>What's assessed</b></p> <p><u>Section A</u> will focus on Media Language and Media Representations. Questions in this section can test any two of the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• magazines</li><li>• advertising and marketing</li><li>• newspapers</li><li>• online, social and participatory media and video games.</li></ul> <p><u>Section B</u> will focus on Media Industries and Media Audiences. Questions in this section can test <b>any two</b> of the following forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• radio</li><li>• music video</li><li>• newspapers</li><li>• online, social and participatory media and video games</li><li>• film (industries only).</li></ul> <p><b>How it's assessed</b></p> <p>Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes - 84 marks - 35% of GCSE</p>
Paper 2	<p><b>What's assessed</b></p> <p><u>Section A</u> will be based on a screening from an extract of one of the television Close Study Products and can test <b>any area of the theoretical framework</b>.</p> <p><u>Section B</u> will be based on either newspapers or online, social and participatory media and video games and <b>can test any area of the framework</b>.</p> <p><b>How it's assessed</b></p> <p>Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes - 84 marks - 35% of GCSE</p>
NEA (Non-exam Assessment)	<p><b>What's assessed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application of knowledge and understanding of the theoretical framework.</li><li>• Ability to create media products.</li></ul> <p><b>How it's assessed:</b></p> <p>A choice of one of five annually changing briefs, set by AQA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 60 marks</li><li>• 30% of GCSE</li><li>• Assessed by teachers</li><li>• Moderated by AQA.</li></ul>
Exam paper topics	<p><b>Paper 1:</b> Media Language; Media Audiences; Media Industries; Media Representations</p> <p><b>Paper 2:</b> Close Study Products</p>



Website for question papers, mark schemes and examiners reports:	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/gcse/media-studies-8572">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/gcse/media-studies-8572</a>
Suggested revision techniques	Revise each of the CSPs using notes or YouTube tutorials. Revise the subject terminology using the official website link on Google Classroom.
Website(s) for revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@mrsfisher8961">https://www.youtube.com/@mrsfisher8961</a></li><li>• <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/ztnygk7">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/ztnygk7</a></li></ul>
Key mistake(s) made on exam	Lack of subject terminology, lack of CSP revision, lack of awareness of Media Studies concepts.
Recommended revision guide(s)	<b>AQA GCSE Media Studies: Student Book</b> Book by Jerry Slater, Julia Sandford-Cooke, and Steff Hutchinson