

## Beckmead Family of Schools Curriculum Information

### GCSE Media Studies

GCSE specifications in media studies must enable candidates to:

Develop enquiry, critical thinking and decision-making skills through consideration of issues that are important, real and relevant to them and to the world in which they live.

Develop their appreciation and critical understanding of the media and its role in their daily lives develop their practical skills through opportunities for personal engagement and creativity.

Understand how to use the key media concepts to analyse media products and their various contexts.

AQA Media			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
<b>Year 10</b>	Unit 2: Understanding the media  Controlled assessment taken from banks set assignments 90 marks – 60% of GCSE  <b>Three assignments in unit 2.</b>  <b>Assignment 1:</b> Introductory assignment: Analyse and respond to media texts/topics using media key concepts and appropriate terminology.	<b>Assignment 2:</b> Cross-media assignment: Demonstrate research, planning and presentation skills.	<b>Assignment 2:</b> Cross-media assignment (continued)

<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Assignment 3:</b> Practical production and Evaluation: Construct and evaluate their own products using creative and technical skills.	Unit 1: Investigating the Media  Written Paper 1 hour 30mins - 60 marks – 40% of GCSE  External Assessment  Based on pre-released topic (changed annually) with guidance and stimulus.  External Assessment Based on pre- released topic.	<b>Assignment 3:</b> Practical production and Evaluation. (Continued)
<b>Termly Assessment</b>			

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