

Weatherhead

High School

Media & Film Studies Department

The Media and Film Studies department is staffed by a hardworking and committed team of two teachers, a Media Technician and a Media Assistant. Student attainment is high at all levels, with BTEC and A level performance above the national average. The course we offer in Creative Media Production is popular at Key Stage 4 with a significant number going on to study Media and Film courses in the Sixth Form too. The department is constantly striving to raise attainment through curriculum development; focusing on sharing good practice and resources within our team and across the wider school's BTEC team. We utilise up to date research to inform and improve our teaching and learning strategies and continued evaluation of all aspects of the department allow us to support all students to realise their full potential.

Our Key Stage 4 course is the BTEC Tech Award in Creative Media Production and in the Sixth Form we offer a choice of the BTEC National in Creative Media Production and Eduqas A-Level Film Studies. Weatherhead has a mixed Sixth Form and our Media and Film Studies offer at Key Stage 5 attracts many external students to join us from local mixed schools and boys' schools.

The department consistently achieves a red-hot ALPS grade for Media Studies at KS5 and at KS4 our subject progress is excellent.

The department is housed in two computer suites (which have recently been refurbished with upgraded computer equipment) and a dedicated office. Each classroom is fully equipped with up to date teaching technology, including an HD visualiser, projector and access to the most up-to-date software (Adobe Photoshop CC 19, Adobe Audition CC 19, Adobe Premiere CC 19, InDesign). We also have access to our own Radio Studio, HD Video Cameras, Digital Stills Cameras and Boom Mics. The department is also at the forefront of remote learning and E-learning strategies, leading the way with the use of Google Classroom to extend learning beyond the physical classroom.

The department offers a diverse range of extra-curricular activities, including Ice Radio, Film Making and Film Club for Key Stage 3 students. We develop student's cultural capital by providing them with opportunities to visit and experience real world working studios such as those at Media City in Salford and the Warner Brothers Studios in London. Students are also encouraged to enrich their learning through the shared reading of articles from magazines such as Sight and Sound or Empire Film magazine. The continued promotion of external competitions such as those run by the British Film Institute provide students with an opportunity to produce high level projects, either individually or in collaboration with other students from the region, use cutting edge technology and network with industry specialists.

For additional information, please visit our curriculum page on the school's website
<https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/project/media/>