

Sixth Form
L2 Media Studies
Course Handbook



Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Creative Digital Media Production – 120 GLH

The course is taught over **120 guided learning hours** (GLH) and will be completed in **one year**. It has **core and optional specialist units**.

You must complete the **two core units** and the **two optional specialist units** that your teachers have chosen for you to reach a **total of 120 GLH**.

The course involves a mixture of **coursework units** that your school assess (**internal**) and an **exam unit** that the exam board sets and marks (**external**). You will sit your exam for Unit 1: Digital Media Sectors and Audiences in January. There may be an opportunity to re-take this in June if necessary.

Choosing to study a BTEC First in Creative Digital Media Production is an excellent decision to make for many reasons. The media industries employ a huge number of people who undertake a wide range of job roles using an array of different skills and techniques.

Deadlines

The final deadline for year 12 is at the end of May

Your print and video work will also be presented at a media evening in June which you will be required to attend.

| UNIT | CORE UNITS | Teacher | Assessment method | GLH |
|------|---|---------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Digital Media Sectors and Audiences | Miss Portelli | External | 30 |
| 2 | Planning and Pitching a Digital media Product | Miss Portelli | Internal | 30 |
| | OPTIONAL SPECIALIST UNITS | | | |
| 3 | Digital Moving Image Production | Mr Schreuder | Internal | 30 |
| 5 | Digital Publishing Production | Mr Schreuder | Internal | 30 |

General Course Information

Assignment briefs

Each Unit will be delivered through *assignment briefs*.

Students will receive an assignment brief at the start of a piece of work.

It is an important document and will be constantly referred to during the work.

The assignment brief will outline:

- unit details the title of the work
- dates and duration of the work
- the scenario of the work
- tasks that need to be undertaken by the student
- evidence that the student needs to produce
- assessment dates
- the grading criteria being assessed

Assessment

All assessment decisions are carefully made against the specified Unit Grading Criteria and by teachers who are subject specialists. All assessments made by teachers go through a rigorous *Internal Verification* process. Assessment decisions are often checked further at a third stage by an External Verifier from Edexcel. Unit 1 is an exam unit which is externally assessed.

Deadlines

Students are expected to respond to deadlines. This is especially important for group work, specific teaching areas and facilities and resources have been booked to support the assessment deadline. Students are given clear information of the required deadlines on each assignment brief.

Recording student marks

Student marks are recorded on the teacher feedback sheet. The feedback sheet will give the student information of why assessment decisions were awarded and will give students ideas and ways to improve the work.

Teacher Feedback

Students will receive a copy of every teacher feedback. These teacher feedbacks are important and should be stored carefully by the student as they will need to use them to track their progress through the course.

Storage of student evidence

All DVD and video evidence of student performance work and other assessment work is stored centrally by the centre and organised by the Lead Internal Verifier (BTEC course leader).

Copies of all assessment decisions, marks and student tracking records are held centrally to support students in the assessment process.

Media equipment

As well as the standard equipment required for all lessons, for media you must have:

- A USB stick for storage of electronic work
- Printing credit

How we can support your learning

ICT – there are plenty of opportunities to access ICT in the school during lunch time and after school.

Feedback –Written feedback will be given throughout the course. Teachers are always available before and after school, and sometimes at break and lunch (depending on their timetables) if you require more in depth feedback or support.

CLUBS

Media Club runs after school once a week on both campuses

See Miss Portelli for more info about clubs

Useful websites

<http://www.imdb.com/>

<http://www.filmclub.org/>

<http://www.bfi.org.uk/>

<http://www.edexcel.com/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://gb.zinio.com/>

<http://www.freesfx.co.uk/>

<http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/>

<http://www.intofilm.org/>

Learning Contract:

This must be completed and signed by both parents and student.

Do you feel you understand the BTEC course, its content and how it will be assessed?

Is there anything you are unclear of, or any further information you will require?

Do you feel you have fully understood the information on plagiarism? If no, please explain:

Have you understood what is expected of you? (see below)

- Attend all your lessons
- Make sure you arrive to class on time
- Submit your work on the deadline date given by your teacher
- Follow the school code of conduct in class

Have you understood the Causes of Concern procedure including:

- Behaviour – behaviour has meant they have impacted upon their or other students learning.
- Coursework/ homework – a student has not submitted a piece of coursework.
- Exam – Failing an exam –it is a requirement for a student to pass the exam to Pass the course.
- Attendance– a student's lack of attendance is having a direct effect upon their performance.

Signed: (student)

Signed: (parent)

Date: