



COLLYER'S
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Frequently Asked Questions

A Level Media Studies

Question: What are some of the key topics I would cover?

Answer: Advertising, Film Distribution, Newspapers, TV, Music Videos, Magazines, Radio, Video Games and Online Media.

Question: How many other subjects can I choose alongside this one?

Answer: Most students would take two other A Level or Level 3 BTEC subjects. Suitable course combinations would include, English, History, Sociology, Politics, Business Studies, Economics, Photography, Graphics, Art, Drama, Dance, Music.

Question: What is the learning style like within this subject?

Answer: This is a discursive, analytical subject. There will be extensive reading, classroom delivery, independent learning and class discussion. Success depends on good writing skills, the confidence to engage and discuss and the intellectual self-discipline to create a strong evidence base to support your views. Students will write essays and make extensive notes to form the basis for their eventual revision.

Question: How will I be assessed?

Answer: The course is assessed by two major exams at the end of the second year. That amounts to 70% of your assessment. The other 30% is delivered via major coursework projects conducted towards the end of the first year and concluded early in the second year.

Question: What support can I access if I am struggling?

Answer: Students have access to the full range of subject resources which are available to all via SharePoint. Students will also buy textbooks for both years, specific to the EDUQAS Media Studies Specification taken at Collyer's. Staff within the subject area are happy to provide full professional academic and/or technical support to students to assist in terms of their studies and wellbeing. The subject will ensure that all stated learning needs are catered for as needed. There are extensive subject specific resources available in the college library.

Question: Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

Answer: Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements.

Question: Are there normally any trips that I can go on?

Answer: Yes. The subject area runs Media/Film Themed Trips to New York every two years. There are also progression-based trips to Universities such as Ravensbourne which have a particular Media specialisation.

Question: What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyer's?

collyers.ac.uk/admissions



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Answer: Students move onto a wide range of further training and careers. Those focussed on media careers have progressed into Studio and location-based Film and Television Production, Advertising, Music Video, Editing, Camera Work, Sound Engineering and Online Media. Many go on to study at specialised universities. Other successful routes include apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships.