

## Welcome to Film and Media Studies at Highams Park School!



Media studies is a subject that you can choose when you get to your GCSEs in Y10, and you can also study it at A Level. In Y7 we do offer some extra-curricular activities as well.

In Y7 and Y8, you can join our Film Club which runs at lunchtime. We are starting Film Club this year with a season of Marvel films, before branching out into other genres later. This is a great opportunity to watch films together with your friends, form opinions on them, and maybe even make some new friends over a shared interest in film.

You can also write for our school magazine which is starting next half-term. It will include a range of writing, both creative and factual, and will be run in combination with the Film and Media department and the English department.

If you do choose to study media studies in Y10 or Y12, you will learn about a large range of media texts: from magazines, newspapers and advertising to films, videogames and TV shows.

You will learn how they are made, and by whom. You will learn how they communicate meaning to us through a combination of elements, and you will learn how they construct messages about groups of people, places and events.

You will also create your own media texts, producing a variety of forms such as magazines, advertising, podcasts, websites and films.

Film studies is a subject that you can only choose to study when you get to A level.

If you choose to study film studies in Y12, you will learn how films are constructed and who makes them. The course covers films from around the world and from the history of film as well, so you will experience a range of different styles, genres and forms. You will analyse the way the film has created meaning through elements of film form such as cinematography, mise-en-scene and performance. You will also produce your own short film, where you will write, direct, shoot and edit your own ideas.