**A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES - GUIDANCE FOR 50/50 LEARNING**



The key to your success whilst studying Media Studies is the level of effort and work you put into the subject outside of lessons. The college’s expectation is that you match every hour of class time with an hour of independent study – **50:50**. This will include completing **structured homework** tasks set by your teachers but will also require you to **work independently**; finding ways to consolidate and extend your understanding. To help you to do this, the list below gives some ideas or activities to consider each week



**READ THE TEXTBOOK** – (45 minutes per week)

Consolidation of content is important, so buy or borrow a textbook –**WJEC/ Eduqa Media Studies for A Level Year 1 and AS – Christine Bell and Lucas Johnson (Illuminate Publishing)** and **WJEC/ Eduqa Media Studies for A Level Year 2 and A2** (as above). There are many copies of both books available in the college library and it is also available to buy online or at all good bookshops for £23. Try re-reading the section in the Media Studies textbook of a topic area you have covered in class that day (5-20 minutes)

**VISIT A MEDIA WEBSITE** – (30 minutes per week)

There are a wealth of resources available on the internet. Some useful websites include: **David Gauntlett’s** website ( <http://theory.org.uk/>) covers a range of theories and theorists with substantial context and links to further articles and interviews. **Daniel Chandler’s** website ([http://visual-memory.co.uk/daniel/media/)](http://visual-memory.co.uk/daniel/media/%29) covers a range of theories and theoretical approaches which appropriate for A Level students.

**WATCH A MEDIA YOUTUBE VIDEO** - (45mins per week)

Watch a YouTube clip on a particular topic to clarify your understanding – see the list on the A Level Media Studies home page of GOL of good YouTubers. The YouTube channel **The Media Insider** ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCGXfqzVEZr0XaZLWG3\_HniA)](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGXfqzVEZr0XaZLWG3_HniA%29) features short videos for media students covering both theoretical and practical topics.

**READ THE LASTEST ISSUE OF *MEDIA MAGAZINE*** - (15 minutes per week)

*Media Mag* is published quarterly by The English and Media Centre and is available in the library. It covers a range of media-related issues, theories and texts with articles written by academics, media professionals, teachers and students.

**READ A QUALITY NEWSPAPER OR WATCH A CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMME –** (1 hour per week)

 A student who regularly watches and discusses the news will enhance their understanding and will be able to show awareness of contemporary events in their essays. **The Guardian’s** coverage of contemporary and historical media issues is superb and BBC Radio 4’s **The Media Programme** is essential listening. BBC 2’s **Newsnight** provides excellent analysis of the day’s news events.





