



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science & Sports College)

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About the Media Studies Department

The Media Studies Department at Trinity has been included in the top ten Sixth Form Media and Film Departments in the country by Oxford Analytics. The department offers Media Studies at both GCSE and A level while Film Studies is currently offered only at A level.

The department is very well resourced with a dedicated suite of 36 Apple I Mac computers equipped with powerful video editing software, sound design software and post-production compositing and visual effects packages. We also have enough video cameras, tripods and sound recording equipment for all students to make use of. The department is staffed by two full time teachers, who are both subject specialists, and a full time technician.

At GCSE, Media students will study the Eduqas specification while at A Level we use the OCR specification. Film Studies A Level students study the Eduqas specification.

2017 Results:

| | A*-A | A*-C |
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| Key Stage 4 | 31% | 100% |
| | A-B | A-E |
| Media Studies - Key Stage 5 | 55% | 100% |
| Film Studies – Key Stage 5 | 63% | 100% |

Practical Coursework: A large portion of the grade at both key stages is made up of the coursework component. This is traditionally a strong area for the Media Department at Trinity and students are required to take part in an individual filming and editing task. All training and equipment required to do this is provided and students achieve very highly.

Organisation and Methods of Assessment: At KS4 each student's progress against their individual targets are closely monitored by regular revision tests, monthly monitoring and collation of teacher assessments in a central file to enable an overall student profile for review for praise or intervention strategies. At KS5 a similar system operates.

Resources: The department is based in the main building of Trinity on upper site and we have two dedicated classrooms, a main office and an additional computer suite. In addition to the technical and IT provision described above the department also maintains a website which hosts a wealth of digital resources to aid students in their learning.

Extra-Curricular Activities: The department runs several extra-curricular trips including a 6 day trip to Hollywood in Key Stage 5 and a day trip to the Harry Potter Experience at Key Stage 4. In addition, there is a regular extra-curricular film-making class for KS4 students. The department also offers after school revision classes for all mock exams.

Assessment: We use a range of teaching styles with the purpose of engaging students fully in learning activities. Our aim is to encourage students to be interested in and enjoy learning about both Film and Media Studies. Students are given home study on a weekly basis which helps consolidate and develop learning in the classroom.