

Introduction

The specification for media in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together count towards the overall award of the media A2 qualification (when added to the AS units).

A2 Unit 3: Media in the Global Age Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes

A2 Unit 4: Creating a Cross-Media Production Non-exam assessment

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic: reducing the NEA portfolio from 4 to 2 pages of production. This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 13 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Media Studies

Assessment point 1 = Exam-style question completed in lesson under **high control**, on genre codes found in crime-drama television texts. Completed w/b 12th October.

Assessment point 2 = Research and individual presentation – the representations of gender found in women’s fashion magazines. Guidance and feedback from teacher. **Medium control**. Completed w/b 7th December.

Assessment point 3 = An analysis of how crime-dramas create complex narratives. This was modelled and monitored by the teacher, on Teams, under **medium control**. Completed w/b 8th February.

Assessment point 5 = NEA planning and production stages. Students created a front cover and article for a magazine, displaying different representations of gender. Students to complete work at home and submit online via Teams, with teacher guidance/feedback. **Medium control**. W/b 19th April.

Assessment point 6 = past exam paper (crime-drama television, magazines and computer games) - standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess all covered content in Unit 3. To be completed over 3 lessons under **high control**. W/b 17th May.

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in lessons Media through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources.

Non-Examined Assessment = A reduced portfolio was completed.