



# Film Studies

## GCSE

### 2024 - 2026



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## Examination Board

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### What will I be studying?

Component 1 (35% of GCSE) – Key Developments in US Film

In Component 1 you will study two Hollywood films: one from the classical era of Hollywood (1930-1960) and one from the 1980s. You will learn about all aspects of the films including: aesthetics (the film style), how films represent groups of people, how films construct narratives and the contexts in which the films were made.

You will also study a modern independent film, as well as a piece of specialist writing about the film which you must refer to in the exam.

You will also study the history of film, including developments in technology from the birth of film in the late 1800s, right up to digital filmmaking, streaming and IMAX.

Component 2 (35% of GCSE) – Global Film: Narrative, Representation & Film Style

Global film: investigating films from Europe and further afield. You will study three films: an English language foreign film, a British film and a non-English language foreign film. You will apply different aspects of film-making to each film including: how films construct narratives, how films represent groups of people, how films create aesthetics (film style).

Component 3 (30% of GCSE)

You will create either a short film sequence; or a script for a film sequence with an accompanying shooting script. You will also create a written evaluative analysis explaining your decisions. All work is individual, all images and footage must be created by you.

### How will I be studying?

This course will be taught in a group with a teacher. Students will be expected to participate in class discussions, creative projects as well as written work such as essays and research projects.

Good Film students find the course challenging because it involves them in something that is both creative and academically rigorous.

## How will I be assessed?

Component 1 is assessed by a 1 ½ hour exam.

Component 2 is assessed by a 1 ½ hour exam.

Component 3 is NEA coursework.

NEA deadlines:

- Planning – end of Summer term yr10
- 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Production: September yr11
- Final production: December yr11
- Evaluative analysis: February yr11

## Where Next?

**Most colleges will require a grade 4 to study beyond GCSE level in most subjects.**

**Therefore, this qualification can unlock doors to most professions.**

**In Media Studies specifically, this qualification may lead to any of the following:**

- **A-Level Film Studies (Available at Wigston College)**
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- **Film & Media production courses and T-Levels (Most colleges)**