



Independent Learning in A Level Media Studies



After each lesson, in addition to completing any set work, a pro-active, independent learner would...

- Ensure that notes are completed and filed suitably in a folder.
- Read the relevant textbook chapter (if appropriate) and annotate lesson notes with additional, relevant content.
- Make a list of things not fully understood and discuss with a peer or a teacher *before* the next lesson.
- Try to summarise the content of the lesson in note or diagrammatic format to diagnose lack of understanding.
- Try to commit factual information to memory immediately, rather than leaving it until revision.
- Match the content of the specification against lesson notes/content to ensure that all points are covered.
- Maintain a list of learning points from reviewed/marked work and regularly review this list.
- Seek out additional sources of questions on areas of weakness or where mistakes were made in classwork, homework or a test. For important pieces of work, diagnose mistakes as active mistakes, slip-ups and blackouts.
- Read the textbook chapter (if appropriate) or complete wider reading on the topic in question before the next lesson.



Resources to help you study

Most key resources, such as the specification for your course, data sheet, past papers, etc. can be found in Handouts\Media Studies. Some additional resources to help you are as follows:

Resource	Description
www.bbc.co.uk/news	A really good resource for up-to-date media-related stories other than your textbook. Look particularly at the <i>Tech</i> and <i>Entertainment and Arts</i> tabs.
Social Media – <i>FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram</i>	Use to follow various groups and figures: Adweek, The Guardian, New York Times, Variety, The Hollywood Reporter, Mailonline, LA Times as well as individuals, celebrity and public figures such as Donald Trump, Barack Obama, etc.
<i>Eduqas Media Studies AS and A Level Year 1</i> textbook and <i>Eduqas A Level Year 2</i> textbook	These are the textbooks for your course. There are copies you can borrow from your Media Studies teachers and SML.
http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies/as-a-level/	You will be able to find course materials here to further your notes, read around the text to widen your knowledge, or to catch up from missed lessons.
www.alevelmedia.co.uk	A good resource to help you consolidate and revise from theories to example case studies – this site is under review due to the introduction of the new specification but still contains relevant and easy to follow information.

Stretch yourself

Borrow a copy of the *Eduqas Media Studies* textbooks from SML, and read about current developments in media to put your learning into context.