

Film Studies

A-Level



What will I learn?

Film Studies is an extremely enjoyable and worthwhile subject to study but expect to be constantly challenged and excited by the course. Not only will it change the way you watch film, but more importantly it will challenge you to think in new ways and question or change your perspective on a whole host of issues. Studying film allows you to understand important issues and developments within history, society, and culture, using film as the medium with which to gain a greater insight into these areas. In addition, the development of deeper critical and creative thinking gained by studying film can enhance many different career paths and is a much sought-after transferable skill in both employment and further study.

How will I learn?

You will learn how to analyse a broad range of films and understand the complexities and methods of their production. You will also develop a broad range of production skills and learn how to produce a range of practical production skills which will enable you to produce a short film and write a professional script.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by sitting 2 exams at the end of Year 13, Components 1 and 2. These exams are written and account for 70% of your qualification. They will test you on the knowledge and skills that you have developed over the 2 year course. The remaining 30% of the qualification is gained by completing Component 3. This is an NEA Production where you will have the opportunity to plan, film and edit a short film or write a professional script.

Trips and Extracurricular activities.

Students are encouraged to enter local and national competitions; A range of video and still camera equipment is available for students to borrow to work at home. There may be the opportunity to participate in film screenings at local cinemas.

FAQs.

Do I need to have studied Film Studies before?

No, it is not a requirement that you should have studied Film Studies at GCSE in order to take this A Level. It is more important that you have an enquiring mind and are interested in a range of films. It is vital that you have an enthusiasm to explore and research media texts and a willingness to work within groups for practical work.

What subjects complement Film Studies?

Many students taking Film Studies also study subjects such as Photography, Media, English Literature, Performing Arts as well as Sociology and Psychology.

What have Rednock students done with Film Studies?

You can progress from this A Level to a creative art or visual culture-based degree. Film Studies is valued by many universities and employers alike. Career paths include practical avenues such as Filmmaking, Directing, Producing & Editing but a qualification in Film also allows you to move into theoretical pathways such as Film Criticism, Journalism, Teaching and Education.

Exam Board

Eduqas

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

English Grade 4 or above.

Skills Gained

Creative Thinking,
Critical Thinking
Communication
Research skills
Literacy
Technical competencies (i.e. film editing)

Careers

Broadcast presenter
Film director
Film/video editor
Location manager
Production designer
Film researcher
Camera operator
Producer
Advertising
Concept artist
Event manager
Magazine journalist
Marketing executive
Special effects technician