

# A LEVEL

# FILM STUDIES

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Exam Board: OCR	Course Code: QN603/1120/4
<p><b>Entry Requirements:</b> Average of grade 5 or higher across all GCSE exams including a minimum grade of 5 for English and maths.</p>	

## Course Summary:

Film Studies has been designed to ignite a passion for film and encourage broader cultural and historical perspectives on this academic area of study. This course of study encourages learners to watch, engage critically with and explore a wide range of film; to develop and sustain confident, personal responses to film via textual analysis; and to enjoy a variety of critically acclaimed films across the major genres. These include films from different cultural perspectives and from the 1930s to present day. Not only this, but learners are offered the opportunity to engage in practical work such as the production of their own key sequence from a film or screenplay.

Film Studies will open your mind to a vast array of cinema and film which will intrigue you and excite you. There will be films from different national cinemas, from the Silent Era, to classics like *Citizen Kane*, lastly focussing on masterpieces such as Scorsese's *Raging Bull*.

This subject also incorporates different film forms (shorts, experimental, documentary and fiction) and produced by a diverse variety of authors. The course has something for everyone to broaden their academic skills whilst being thoroughly engaged and challenged.

## Skills:

- A practical understanding and approach to film making.
- Skills to carry out an evaluative analysis of your own productions in relation to other professionally produced work.
- An understanding of the contexts in which films are made, including the social, cultural, political, historical, institutional, technological contexts.
- The skills to interrogate how concepts such as narrative, genre, representation, spectatorship and aesthetics are used to create meaning by deconstructing and creating film.

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### **Assessments:**

2 x 2-hour exams, Non-examined coursework, Making a short film

### **This course is suitable for students who...**

- Has a love for watching films and television.
- Who wants to expand their film knowledge and enjoy delving into the deeper meaning of film
- Who wants to develop their analytical and creative skills.

### **Future careers:**

Film Maker, Film/Video Editor, Production Designer, Theatre, Television, Film, Advertising Art Director, Journalist, Marketing Executive

