

## Year 12 A level Film Studies

**We enter students for the WJEC Film Studies A level and use the exam specification to structure your studies.**

In Year 12, you will study the first two components of the A-Level, taught by one teacher:

### **Component One, section A – Hollywood 1930-1990 (comparative study)**

In this section you will study two films. One will be from the classical period of Hollywood (1930-60) either **Casablanca** directed by Michael Curtiz or **Vertigo** directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The other will be a film from New Hollywood (1961-1990) either **Bonnie and Clyde** directed by or **Blade Runner** directed by Ridley Scott.

### **Component One, section B – American film since 2005**

In this section you will study two films. You start your A-Level studies by watching Chazelle's **La La Land**. You will then go on to look at Granik's **Winter's Bone**.

### **Component One, section C – British Film since 1995**

In this section you will study two British films. You will begin by looking at **Shaun of the Dead** directed by Edgar Wright. You will then go on to look at **Trainspotting** by Boyle.

### **Assessment**

In each half term you will complete at least one and usually two written unit tests. These will be designed to imitate the question style of the examination and for these you will receive a summative grade.

In addition you will be given smaller written tasks of roughly 300 words in length on a weekly basis. These tasks will be set on Google Classroom and you be given formative feedback.

### **Our expectations of you**

- ✓ bring all equipment to all lessons
- ✓ complete homework on time and to the best of your ability
- ✓ take responsibility for revising film language and concepts on a regular basis
- ✓ attend weekly clinic sessions for extra support if necessary
- ✓ use and take care of film equipment which you may borrow such as a laptop or camera.

### **Further reading**

For more information, you can look at the WJEC website, where you can download the specification and sample assessment materials:

<https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/film-studies/eduqas-film-studies-as-level-from-2017/>

Some other useful websites include the following: