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Summer Work – Transition from Year 11 to Year 12

A Level Subject: Film Studies

Recommended textbook: WJEC Eduqas Film Studies for AS and A Level – Lisa Wardle, Ellen Cheshire, Mark Ramey, Jenny Stewart

Useful sources: Sight and Sound Magazine; Media Magazine

Equipment List: All equipment will be made available to you in September



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Tasks

I am really pleased that you will be joining the Film Studies Department in September to study A Level Film Studies.

There is one piece of work which I would like you to do before you join us.

A Level Film Studies requires us to understand a wide variety of films in order to broaden our knowledge and understanding of film and the range of responses film can generate. As an introduction to this I would like you to do the following over the summer:

- a. *Briefly* describe your favourite film.
- b. What type or genre of film does it belong to (e.g. sci-fi, action, romance, thriller etc)? How can you tell this - what conventions of the genre does it possess?
- c. Why do you enjoy this film? How does it attract an audience?
- d. Take one short sequence from the film and describe how the soundtrack, lighting and camera shots are used.

Please write a piece of work two to three sides in length covering all of these issues. You will be asked to report on your chosen film in the sessions during the first two weeks of the course.

It will benefit you to keep abreast of issues and events within the film industry. Magazines such as *Empire* and *Total Film* provide interesting background, but I can particularly recommend *Sight and Sound* for a more detailed insight. Textbooks are available to support the new specification, and I will make details of these available to you when the course starts in September.

I look forward to seeing you in September. If you are unsure of any of the above, or if you have any questions about the Film Studies course, please contact me at the Sixth Form, alternatively you can email me at any time on b.mclernan@fakenhamacademy.org.

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