



ST IVO SCHOOL

Details about the Media and Film Department

The media and film department is a successful and lively small department. It is well resourced with designated teaching rooms, including an interactive whiteboard in each classroom and a fleet of departmental laptops, Macs, iPads and camcorders. All media and film teachers are committed to ensuring lessons are inclusive, challenging, and engaging, thereby maintaining the strong popularity of the subjects amongst students from Year 10 to Year 13. Teachers share all resources they produce, and are prepared to go that extra mile, for example in delivering lunchtime and after-school sessions to exam groups. We are looking for an individual with excellent creative and technical skills and a genuine love of both subjects.

The department was established in 2006 and has grown steadily year on year. We deliver both Media Studies and Film Studies at GCSE and A level to a large cohort of mixed ability students. GCSE Media Studies results have averaged at 79.9% A* - C since 2008 and GCSE Film results last year were 85.7 A*-C, with 22.1% of students gaining A*-A. An outcome is the popularity and high take-up of both Media and Film at 'AS/A' level which also achieves strong results.

A main focus for the department is the development of resources for the new specifications that will be introduced next academic year. For GCSE we will follow the Eduqas syllabus. The GCSE course has always been very popular and we have up to 4 classes per year group. The format for the new 9-1 Media Studies GCSE includes Exploring the Media, Understanding Media Forms and Products and Creating Media Products. The new 9-1 Film Studies GCSE includes Key developments in US Film, Global Film – Narrative, Representation and Film Style and Production.

At AS/A level, Media Studies and Films are also very popular subjects. We usually run 3 groups at AS and A level (one Film and two Media or vice versa). We will follow the Eduqas syllabus for both subjects. The focus for A level Media is Media language, Representation, Industry and Audience and for A level Film – Varieties of film and film making and Global film making perspectives. There is also a production element to both courses.

Overall, this successful media and film department, within a large school, offers an ambitious teacher plenty of experience both in teaching, departmental responsibilities, and professional career development. We can assure the person appointed of a warm welcome both within the department and the school.

This job would suit a range of media and film teachers at different career stages. This includes those seeking their first post, or those currently teaching media, film or English who are seeking to broaden their experience and take advantage of opportunities for professional career development.

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