

## Thomas Keble School Subject Revision Information

### Subject: Media Studies

Exam board: AQA

#### Assessment summary:

##### **Paper 1: 90 Minutes: 40% of total grade**

- 4 equally weighted questions on the topic of 'Television Serial Drama' – each question worth 15 marks.
- At least one design based question for which coloured pencils and associated design equipment will be required.
- A briefing will be released 4 weeks before the exam to be used to inform research and preparation for the examination.

#### Past Papers and Mark Schemes:

- There are no 'identical' past papers as the topic for each year changes. Last year's topic was 'Television Game Shows'. However, the **structure** of the previous exam papers may be useful to give students an understanding of how the pre-exam briefing translates into exam questions. These can be accessed via the AQA website:  
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/media-studies/gcse/media-studies-4810/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

#### Useful Revision Websites:

- <https://media.edusites.co.uk/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z3gghv4/revision>

#### Recommended revision guides:

- A revision guide will be available from school once the pre-release material has been released in February / March 2018. This will include model briefings and practise exam questions. It will also include a viewing task list linked to the suggestions given below.

#### Other useful information:

- It is important that students experience 'quality' television drama series in preparation for the examination. **This does not include soap operas!**
- If possible, drama series from different genres and time periods should be viewed. For example, Star Trek from the 1960s with some of the modern series episodes; Drama series for children; period dramas like 'Downton Abbey' and costume drama series like 'Poldark.' More modern, thriller type series like 'Lost' and '24' are also useful to broaden the knowledge base.