

Film Studies Curriculum Overview—Key Stage 4



Year	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6
10	 Topic: Introduction to Film Studies and Component 2 Section C (Contemporary UK film) Focus: Aesthetics and Auteurs through British Cinema and the cultural context of Bond. Outcome: Group presentation Key elements of film and written assessment of key scenes. Duration: 10 weeks 	 Topic: Component 2 Section A (Global English Language film) Focus: Narrative theories Plot devices and structure of story lines. Outcome: Presentation on key theories and an analytical essay key films. Duration: 8 weeks 	Topic: Component 3 Production Coursework Pt 1 Focus: Creation of planning stage. Focus on genre and generic conventions. Outcome: Initial idea folder Duration: 3 weeks	Topic: Component 3 Production Coursework Pt 2 Focus: Writing action and structure of screenplays Outcome: Creative writing Duration: 3 weeks	Topic: Component 2 Section B (Global Non- English Language film) Focus: Representation of characters. Understanding of different cultures and beliefs. How stereotypes and characters are developed in line with a directors intentions. Outcome: Analytical essay Duration: 8 weeks	 Topic: History of Cinema and Revision of Component 2 – Exam Technique. Focus: History of cinema. Representation of characters. Narrative and audience theories. Outcome: Presentation of history of film. Full mock exam paper for Component 2. Duration: 4 weeks
11	 Topic: Component 1 Section C (US Independent Cinema). Coursework finalisation. Focus: Engaging with written film critiques to develop a line of argument. Understanding of the conventions of independent films. Analysis of key elements. Outcome: Written critique and focus review sheets. Duration: 5 weeks 	 Topic: Coursework finalisation. Focus: Development of screenplay and shooting script. Evaluation of genre through film history. Explanation of how films have inspired the student's screenplays. Outcome: Written Evaluation with screengrabs from films and screenplay Duration: 6 weeks 	Topic: Component 1 Section A (Comparative US Film) Focus: Key element analysis. and understanding of different contextual elements (historical/social/ cultural/ political). Outcome: Analytical essay focussing on how key elements portray context. Duration: 6 weeks	Topic: Component 1 Section A (Comparative US Film) Focus: Key element analysis and understanding of different contextual elements (historical/ social/ cultural/ political). Comparative analysis of both films. Outcome: Comparative essay. Duration: 6 weeks	Topic: Component 1 Development. Focus: Identifying key moments in the history of cinema. Understanding the impact of technological developments. Exam techniques for Component 1. Outcome: Timeline display and test. Extended analytical essays. Duration: 4 weeks	Topic: Component 2 Development and exam technique. Focus: Developing theories regarding representation, narrative and Aesthetics. Revising those already covered. Outcome: Mock exam question responses. Written analysis. Duration: 4 weeks