

EDUQAS GCSE MEDIA STUDIES

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Welcome back to a new year. We hope you had a great break!

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1. 2024 EXAMINER REPORTS

The 2024 GCSE, AS and A level Interim Examiner Reports, providing a summary of the feedback on all components, are now available on the subject pages:

[GCSE](#)

[AS/A Level](#)

The Final Examiner Reports providing detailed commentary on candidate performance in each component will be published by 30th September 2024. The final reports reflect on the 2024 assessment series, and they offer advice from the Principal Examiners and Moderators that can be used to support effective teaching and assessment strategies.

2. SET PRODUCT CHANGES

We have exciting new set products changes in the GCSE Specification for first assessment in 2027 (first teaching in 2025).

The changes to the GCSE specification are:

- In Component 1 Section A, *This Girl Can* (2015) is replaced by *NHS 111* (2023).
- In Component 1 Section B, *The Archers* is replaced by [Desert Island Discs](#).
- In Component 2 Section A, *Luther* (Series 1, episode 1, 2010, cert. 15) is replaced by *Trigger Point* (Series 2, Episode 1, 2024, cert. 15).

A Circular has been sent to all centres, and more information can be found in the [GCSE specification](#).

There is also a set product change to the A Level specification related to the closure of *gal-dem*: please see the [A Level specification](#) for more details.

3. RESOURCES

NEW RESOURCES

We have lots of fantastic new resources available to support teachers in the delivery of all levels of Media Studies.

For GCSE, the new resources will support the teaching and learning of the music video and online set products in Component 2, Section B for Stormzy, Lizzo, and Taylor Swift.

For AS and A Level, we have new resources to support teaching and learning of Component 2, Section A: Television (specifically *Black Mirror*, *Peaky Blinders*, *Killing Eve* and *Tehran*), and Section C: Online Media (specifically Zoe Sugg, KSI/JJ Olatunji, *Thiiiird*, and *Attitude*).

The new resources and many more can be accessed on the [Eduqas Resources Website](#).

EXEMPLAR MATERIALS

Exemplar from the 2024 series will be available for all components for GCSE, AS and A Level in October. This contains unannotated and annotated responses to selected questions and NEA briefs from the 2024 assessment series. This replaces the Online Exam Review in 2024 and can be found on [Portal](#) (the secure website).

[Portal](#) (the secure website) also includes a range of materials to support teaching, including materials from previous CPD events, past exam papers and mark schemes and non-exam assessment briefs.

Please see our [Useful Resources Guide](#) for further details on all our resources and where they can be found.

We will also be producing resources to support the teaching and learning of the new set products detailed in Item 2.

4. CPD AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS

We have a mix of face-to-face and online CPD/PL available for the 2024-2025 academic year, and several **free** events for teachers; you can book your places now!

FREE EVENTS

Date	Location	Event
17 th Sept '24	Online	Feedback on GCSE Summer Assessments (Exam)
25 th Sept '24	Online	Feedback on A Level Summer Assessments (Exam)
9 th Oct '24	Online	Feedback on GCSE Summer Assessments (NEA)
7 th Nov '24	Online	Feedback on A Level Summer Assessments (NEA)

PAID EVENTS

When?	Where?	What?
20 th Nov '24	Online	Teaching Contexts in Media Studies (GCSE and GCE)
21 st Jan '25	Leeds	Teaching GCSE Media Studies
22 nd Jan '25	Birmingham	
23 rd Jan '25	London	
28 th Jan '25	Manchester	Teaching A Level Media Studies
29 th Jan '25	Birmingham	
30 th Jan '25	London	
11 th Feb '25	Online	How to teach NEA (GCSE and GCE)
18 th June '25	Online	Planning your Curriculum (GCSE)
26 th June '25	Online	Planning your Curriculum (GCE)

Book your places here:

[GCSE CPD/PL Events](#)

[A Level CPD/PL Events](#)

CPD Materials from all previous CPD events are available on the [Portal](#) (the secure website). Included are summer assessment feedback events which are free of charge, and an online event to explore new GCSE Media Studies set products.

Please see our [CPD Menu](#) for details about what is available and how to access them.

AUTUMN TERM PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our new Assessment Feedback Package for 2024-25 is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of how assessments are marked or moderated. This integrated suite of resources and training brings together free access to Principal Examiner reports, marked scripts, and online assessment feedback sessions, as well as a range of optional paid face-to-face Professional Learning events. Learn more about how you and your learners can benefit from our Assessment Feedback Package here: [Assessment Feedback Package 2024-25 \(wjec.co.uk\)](https://www.wjec.co.uk/assessment-feedback-package-2024-25). You can download the most recent Principal Examiner Report and register for FREE, online feedback events on your qualification page.

CPD Materials from all previous CPD events are available on the [Portal](#) (the secure website). Included are summer assessment feedback events which are free of charge, and an online event to explore new GCSE Media Studies set products.

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6. GCSE MEDIA STUDIES KEY DATES

Saturday 1 March	GCSE Component 3 NEA briefs for assessment in 2026 published on Portal (the secure website)
Monday 10 March	Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS) opens for Component 3 NEA marks to be submitted
Monday 28 April	<i><u>Recommended</u> C3 NEA mark submission deadline</i>
Monday 5 May	NEA Submission Deadline Centres' samples must be uploaded to IAMIS BY this date.
Wednesday 14 May (pm)	Eduqas GCSE Component 1 Examination
Thursday 22 May (pm)	Eduqas GCSE Component 2 Examination
Thursday 21 August	GCSE Results Day

Source: [Key Dates and Timetables webpage](#).

7. NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT: UPDATES

NEA BRIEFS

The NEA briefs for GCSE and A Level (for assessment in 2025) were released on 1 March 2024. The NEA briefs for AS (for assessment in 2025) were released on 1 September 2024.

The NEA briefs are available on the [Portal](#) (the secure website). Please see our [NEA briefs guide](#) for details on how to find the NEA briefs.

Teachers are reminded that the briefs change every year, and of the importance of completing the correct brief for the year of assessment.

The Principal Moderators for GCSE and A Level qualifications have produced video walkthrough of the GCSE and A Level NEA Briefs and accompanying Notes for Guidance. These can be found on [Portal](#) (the secure website) under 'Training and Guidance'.

Teachers will need a **username and password** to access the [Portal](#) (the secure website) which is provided by their **Exams Officer**, and **permissions for all areas of the site** to access the briefs.

COVERSHEETS

Please note that revised versions of the coversheets were released in March 2024, and these **must** be used for assessment in 2025.

The coversheets have been revised to include:

- a statement about the use of AI in the candidate and teacher/assessor declaration
- a reminder that candidates who do not submit a production must be awarded zero marks for the Statement of Aims.

Coversheets are now available in PDF and Word format. The PDF format has been designed to support teachers and candidates to complete and submit the coversheets easily and accurately. **We recommend using a fully featured PDF reader, such as Adobe Acrobat, to complete the form.**

NEA SUBMISSION – NO MORE SURPASS!

From summer 2025, Media Studies NEA samples, which were previously uploaded via Surpass, must be uploaded via [Portal](#) (the secure website).

Media Studies NEA samples will be uploaded onto our Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS). This will save time as upload of marks and upload of samples can be completed together within one system without the need to wait 48 hours for a key code (key codes are not necessary on IAMIS).

Please be aware that centres will need to factor in the time needed to upload the sample folders after the sample has been generated, and therefore we do recommend that marks be uploaded a week before the upload deadline.

Further instructions have been sent to Exams Officers, and more information will be provided later in the year.

8. EXAMINER/MODERATOR VACANCIES

Are you interested in enhancing your subject knowledge, getting extensive training on assessment and networking with experienced teachers and professionals, all at the same time as earning money?

If so, you should consider becoming a GCSE, AS or A Level examiner or moderator.

We are now recruiting for the 2025 exam series; complete an online application today or contact media@eduqas.co.uk with any questions.

9. CENTRE MAP

[Sign up to our Centre Map](#) to network and share good practice with other centres taking Eduqas Media Studies in your area.

Once you have added your details to the centre map, you will be given the link to view the map. Please save this link so you can access the map in future. If you do lose the link or would like to amend any of your details, please contact media@eduqas.co.uk.

10. CONTACT US

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Media Studies team at media@eduqas.co.uk or 029 2240 4308.