

How will pupils build upon what they have learnt in Key Stage Two?

As Film Studies is not specifically taught in KS2 pupils will draw upon their analytical skills covered in English, History, Drama and Art. Pupils will be able to explore film posters as they may have done books covers and pieces of art. Pupils will develop their evaluative, analytical and creative writing skills. Pupils will be encouraged to develop their oracy skills through presenting, class discussions and justifying ideas and choices. Pupils will build upon their understanding of wider, cultural issues that may have been covered in PSHRE lessons.

Why do we teach our pupils Film Studies?

Film is arguably the most influential art form of the 20th and 21st century and continues to be an important part of most people's cultural experience. Film studies at Woodlands School introduces learners to a wide variety of cinematic experiences through films which have been important in the development of film and film technology.

Through the study of Film, Woodlands pupils will:

- Appreciate the art of film as a creative process
- Understand how films have portrayed historical events and how these events have impacted films made
- Understand the business aspect to film making and how this impacts the British and worldwide economy
- Think critically about themes and ideas from text and issues within society.
- Be resilient and independent thinkers, forming their own ideas on issues arising from the film studied
- Develop emotional empathy.
- Develop the interpersonal skills of self-reflection, team work and organisation, especially when structuring constructive and informed debate.
- To gain an appreciation for world cinema
- Develop their vocabulary with specific subject terminology

What is the key knowledge pupils will gain in Film Studies at Woodlands?

At KS4, we have selected the Eduqas exam board, believing it to be the most accessible in terms of the choice of topics it provides and even the choice of which questions to answer in the exam, allowing our pupils to flourish. In addition, it also has a 30% Non-Exam Assessment which we feel would benefit the diverse students which have taken the subject.

Pupils will gain an understanding to the film world, exploring the different contexts behind the chosen films. Pupils will develop a range of skills including, analysing, evaluating, and comparing. Pupils will gain an understanding of the history to film and the key developments as well as building upon their vocabulary with subject specific terminology. Pupils will be able to read and respond to critical and specialist writing, whilst being encouraged to develop their own personal response to film. Further to this, pupils will develop their writing skills with a specific focus of creative writing due to the coursework element of the exam (screenwriting).

We study:

ET
Let The Right One In
Singin' In The Rain
Grease

Slumdog Millionaire
Attack the Block
Skyfall
The Others

District 9
Hurt Locker
Invasion of the Body Snatchers
ET

How will Film Studies at Woodlands prepare pupils for the future?

What will pupils study in Film at A-Level?

At A level, students will study both British and American cinema focusing on narrative, genre and cinematography. They will also look at British Cinema, World cinema as an alternative to Hollywood cinema. The role of spectatorship is also examined as part of the viewing process and students will look at emotional responses to the text.

How will Film Studies prepare pupils for KS5?

Pupils are prepared for KS5 film studies through the range of texts studied for GCSE along with more advanced critical theory that we look at with our chosen films. Pupils are challenged to use subject specific terminology to a high level and extended writing tasks are used throughout KS4 to enable students to succeed at A- level.

How does this link with other subjects, at KS5 and beyond?

Media Studies, film production, special effects make- up, media production are just some of the courses on offer locally at KS5. Many of the skills learnt in Film Studies are easily transferrable and students will be able to apply the written aspect of the course to any other academic courses they wish to follow.

What employment opportunities are available relating to this subject?

Film Studies can offer pupils a range of opportunities in the film and television industry as well as a lot of options to further pursue this interest at degree level.