

### Would I need to buy any expensive equipment or materials?

We do not expect you to buy a video camera, editing software, digital cameras etc for the course as it is our expectation that everyone completes their production work 'in house'. We have a dedicated Media Technician who is an industry professional with a broad range of experience and who can help you develop your project work to achieve the creative results you are aiming for.

### What other subjects could I choose?

You can choose a variety of other courses alongside this course. As a rough guide, you should choose either 2 additional A Levels or alternative equivalent BTEC/CTEC courses. The subjects you choose are entirely up to you, but many students like to combine the course with another arts subject which complements their Creative Media Production work.

### Where can I get more information?

You are welcome to contact the course leader if you have any further questions:

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## Level 3 Creative Media Production



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## Who would be suited to studying Creative Media Production?

- Anyone who has a fascination with all the many aspects of the Television and Film industry and how it works. Those who want to know how to produce professional media artefacts and who are keen to develop their practical skills.
- Students whose strength is in producing creative practical film and TV based work, and who prefer to work on a modular basis. You must be prepared to work hard and be assessed continuously over the two years.
- Those who demonstrate a strong personal interest and commitment to the subject area, as much of the production work will need to be completed outside of lesson hours.
- Anyone considering a career in the Creative Media sector as you will work on vocational projects and have the opportunity to create a full portfolio of work.

## What are the Entry Requirements?

5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English. We will also expect you to have achieved a 5 or above in GCSE Art or Media, or a Merit or above in BTEC Media/ Art based course (depending on which you have studied) if you haven't studied Media or Art at GCSE. You should be able to demonstrate a strong interest in TV & Film at interview, either through a previous course of study, personal projects or portfolio work.

## How long is the course?

It is a two year course; you would need to complete both years in order to achieve the full qualification. **You must successfully meet all deadlines and pass each unit to achieve the qualification.**

## What will I be studying?

You will be studying all aspects of Film and Television. From learning how to shoot and edit your own work, to adapting scripts, to learning how the TV & Film industry works behind the scenes, and much, much more...!

## How many lessons would I have each week?

You will attend approximately 6 hours of Media lessons a week. The sessions will be organised into blocks of time to enable you the freedom and flexibility to experiment with your practical skills and complete your project work.

## What would the lessons be like?

Some of the lessons will be workshop based and will focus on getting you to develop, experiment with and refine your practical skills. We will also link the practical work to active theory lessons, designed to help you understand the Media industry in more detail and how you can develop as a professional Creative Media practitioner.

For example, you might have a series of lessons that teach you about the history of music videos, their different genres, and the different conventions used in their construction. The next few lessons you might receive a project brief and start planning a music video of your own in a small group. The rest of the lessons might be more practical and involve going out, filming and then editing footage for that music video.

## How would I be assessed?

Although much of the work is practical in nature there will be an expectation that you will produce written work and complete homework where appropriate. Project work will be assessed and graded as a Pass, Merit or Distinction and your finished qualification is equivalent to 1 A Level. **You must meet all deadlines and successfully pass each unit to achieve the qualification.**

## Can I complete some work experience?

Varndean College has links with local Media professionals. Although work experience is not compulsory on the course, you can choose to link in with our Work Experience Co-ordinator and complete a placement during your time at college.

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