

## Bridging activities for Media Studies at Latymer



AS Level students are required to study a range of set products across a variety of media forms (including radio, computer games, newspapers and television) specified by the exam board (OCR). The suggested bridging activities below have been designed to take advantage of the summer break to watch/listen/read as much as possible ahead of starting the new course when you might have a bit more free time. The more familiar you are with the set products, the more confident you will feel in your lessons. You may choose to work through the list below or choose a couple of activities to start with.

| ACTIVITY | MEDIA FORM   | SET PRODUCT   |
|----------|--------------|---|
| WATCH    | FILM         | Disney's <i>The Jungle Book</i> original and 2016 remake  |
| WATCH    | TV           | Episodes from Season 1 of <i>Stranger Things</i> .<br>Any films directed by Spielberg.  |
| WATCH    | MUSIC VIDEOS | Mainstream contemporary pop (e.g Lady Gaga; Justine Timberlake; Taylor Swift; Bruno Mars) and 1980s classics (e.g anything by Madonna; Guns 'n' Roses; "Thriller")                                  |
| LISTEN   | RADIO        | BBC Radio 1 Breakfast Show with Greg James; Mon – Fri mornings from 6.30-10am   |
| READ     | NEWSPAPERS   | <i>The Daily Mirror</i> and <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> (in print form)<br>Visit The Mirror Online and The Telegraph website and read articles and have a look at their FB, Twitter and Insta feeds. |
| READ     | MAGAZINES    | Buy one edition of <i>The Big Issue</i> magazine (bought only from street vendors).   |
| PLAY     | VIDEO GAMES  | <i>Minecraft</i> . Also research fan videos, Let's Play videos and dedicated fansites.  |

### Wider interest:

#### 1. WRITE

Choose an episode of a TV drama that you have watched recently and write a short critique. Make sure you include: the title of the film or TV drama; the channel; a short synopsis (or plot summary); the genre; key characters; summary of the visual style; an explanation of what you think audiences will enjoy (or not!) when watching the episode. Word count: 500 words max.

#### 2. PRODUCE

If you enjoy Media production you might want to start experimenting with your own projects over the summer. Some ideas: start a blog; make a short YouTube video or take some photographs.