Film Studies



preparation pack for September 2023

overview

The Film Studies department are looking forward to welcoming you onto our course.
We have an experienced team of teachers who are passionate about film and cannot wait to find out about the films that you love. In order to support you in your preparation for A Level study, we have collated a list of informative and interesting resources.

Head of Subject
Anna



suggested podcasts

The Empire film podcast - https://podbay.fm/podcast/507987292
The BFI film podcast - https://www.bfi.org.uk/bfi-film-podcast
Kermode and Mayo film review - https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00lvdrj

activities

Watch a film from this list that you have never seen before:

https://www.bfi.org.uk/greatest-films-all-time

Visit one of the independent cinemas in Liverpool or Wirral. These cinemas can often have some more unusual films on and sometimes have interesting film seasons or festivals on.

- The Light Cinema, New Brighton
- FACT, Liverpool
- The Everyman Cinema, Liverpool

Use your phone to film and edit a short film.

films

We study lots of fantastic films, directors and film movements on our course. Why not get a head start and watch some of the films below, from the directors and film movements we will study? Lots of these can be found on streaming services.

- The Shape of Water (Del Toro, 2017)
- Rear Window (Hitchcock, 1954)
- Blackkklansman (Lee, 2018)
- Blade Runner (Scott, 1982)
- 2001 A Space Odyssey (Kubrick, 1968)
- Singing in the Rain (Kelly and Donen, 1952)
- Casablanca (Curtiz, 1942)
- Bowling for Columbine (Moore, 2002)
- Nomadland (Zhao, 2020)
- Frances Ha (Baumbach, 2012)

youtube channels

- Sight and Sound: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZjFXfEd9esBg3lObeTyIYw
- The Nerdwriter - https://www.youtube.com/user/Nerdwriter1/videos
- Every frame a Painting - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=every+frame+a+painting
- Cinema Tyler - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GV-3hrA9kDKrren0QMKMg
- The Cinema Cartography - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5kBJmBUVFLYBDiSiK1VDw
- Crash Course Film History - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtN-Bd-H_TGq72CN50Fpv_JX
- Studio Binder - https://www.youtube.com/@StudioBinder

and finally...

- Anna's Summer film recommendation: Asteroid City (Anderson, 2023)
- Nina's Summer film recommendation: Psycho (Hitchcock, 1960)

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