The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Qualification	GCSE	Exam Board	
Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
10	Introduction to media: Key terminology Textual analysis Understanding key concepts (audience and media language) Production piece one: Research existing DVD covers Create a DVD cover Analysis of DVD cover	Production piece two: Research bands and artistes Understanding key concepts (representations and institutions) Create two media products (one storyboard and one CD cover or tour poster) Production piece three: Analysis of existing products (codes and conventions of magazines) Research magazine front covers Create magazine front cover	Production piece three: Research magazine contents pages Create magazine contents page Research magazine double page articles Create double page articles Production piece three: Write evaluation Time to improve/ catch up on work missed. Starting exam preparation
11	Production piece three: Research existing products Production piece three: Create magazine front cover, contents page and article Production piece three: Write evaluation and complete any outstanding work for all units	Exam skills: Analysis of institutions ITV BBC SKY Channel 4	Exam skills: Revision Recap all of the key concepts Hand out AQA exam brief Independent research /preparing for the exam