



Hoe Valley Sixth Form

Dear student,

Over the summer we want you to complete the following tasks below to help you make a successful transition from GCSE to Sixth Form study. Our summer transition work includes the following 3 elements to help you feel like a pro when your sixth form journey begins!

Preparation

Below are some tasks that will help to introduce you to knowledge required for the start of the course or to consolidate key GCSE level material.

Media theorists info...

- Who is Roland Barthes? What is their theory?
- Who is Claude Levi-Strauss? What is their theory?
- Who is Steve Neale? What is their theory?
- Who is Stuart Hall? What are their theories?
- Who is Bell Hooks? What are their theories?
- Who is David Hesmondhalgh? What is their theory?
- Who is Blumler and Katz? What is their theory?
- Who is Tzvetan Todorov? What is their theory?
- Who is Jean Baudrillard? What is their theory?
- Who is Paul Gilroy? What is their theory?
- Who is David Gauntlet? What is their theory?

Find the definitions of the following key terms...

- Connotation
- Denotation
- Representation
- Mise en scene
- Camera work
- Stereotype
- Demographic
- Psychographic
- Active Audience
- Vertical integration
- Horizontal integration
- Objectification
- Technological convergence
- Synergy
- Masculinity
- Uses and gratification
- Equilibrium
- Narrative
- Intersectionality
- Mainstreamer
- Neo-Marxism
- Verisimilitude

Reading

Below is some essential reading material or some titles that will help you to read around your subject and develop a deeper understanding of the subject, a crucial skill for success in the Sixth Form.

Watch List:

- Black Mirror
- The Returned
- I, Daniel Blake
- Black Panther
- A range of music videos

Read list:

We recommend you read

- 2 newspapers (of different political leanings)
- 2 magazines (of 2 different genres)
- Media Theory for A Level by Mark Dixon (covers every possible facet of the course, useful resource and source of info)

Organisation

Below are tasks to help you to be organised with your work when you start in September. You will be completing a huge amount of work and to be successful you must keep on top of everything!

Items needed (purchase or gather)...

- Notebook
- Physical folder
- Pen and pencil

Other

- Absorb as many media products as possible
- Put yourself in Media mindset