

Super Curricular Activities (Media)

What are Super Curricular Activities?

Super Curricular Activities describe extra-curricular activities that help students to expand their general knowledge and subject knowledge. The list below has been compiled using advice given from Oxford and Cambridge universities about the resources young people could use to enhance their knowledge about the world. *The new GCSE and A Level courses are much more focused on knowledge than in previous years: students who 'read widely' will undoubtedly have an advantage because they will have a deeper understanding of topics and will have nurtured their love of learning.*

Advice on how to use the Super Curricular Activities

Simple: follow your interests and dip in and out of whatever catches your eye! Learning is a life-long commitment and you should relish opportunities to explore new topics and expand your knowledge. The best way to do this is to follow your interests and to stretch yourself to find out more about new topics and ideas: the suggestions below are sources of information you could use to help you to explore any topic that interests you... *keep in mind that although Google and Wikipedia can be useful tools, they don't always have accurate information so cannot be entirely trusted!*

Super Curricular Activities:

1. **GCSE Text books**- Media Studies by Hayley Sheard-Eduqas Exam Board (available on amazon, illuminatepublishing.com)
2. **A level year 1 and 2 Text books** – Media Studies by Christine Bell/Lucas Johnson- Eduqas Exam Board (Available on Amazon and illuminatepublishing.com)
3. **YOUTUBE** A-Z to media studies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BocPq36Z4M> subscribe to see his other videos (he's the media studies equivalent to Mr Bruff)
4. **University links**- Warwick University, University of Bedfordshire is very good with practical media, University of Kent at Canterbury.
5. **Online academy** where you can learn practical skills: <https://www.khanacademy.org>
6. **Online course** where you can learn media skills: Lynda.com
7. **Google** to investigate local workshops for media eg. Film making, adverts, website designing, music videos, photography etc.

To avoid generalisations, you need some substance to back up responses for your exams and understanding of media concepts.

8. **Study media theorists** (usually on classroom display walls): <https://www.alevelmedia.co.uk/media-theorists>