Year 12 Topics

In year 12 we teach the following topics over the course of the year. Each topic draws on prior learning from previous years and builds on understanding from the KS3 programme of study. Each topic develops and deepens the Core knowledge that will underpin all areas of the curriculum at KS5 and onward into undergraduate courses.

Topic	Rationale	Knowledge acquisition	Key vocabulary	Skills and enrichment
British film	We have chosen	Core Areas	Core Areas	AO1: Demonstration of
since 1995	Sweet Sixteen			knowledge.
(two-film	and Fish Tank	Students need to acquire knowledge in	Cinematography: extreme long shot,	AO2: a) Application /
study)	because both	the following areas of film form:	establishing shot, long shot, medium-	explanation of knowledge to
	explore aspects	 Cinematography 	long shot, mid-shot, two-shot,	analyse films
	of 'growing up'	Mise-en-scene	foreground, background, medium	
	within social	Editing	close-up, close-up, extreme close-up,	Oracy through classroom based
	realistic	• Sound	depth of field, aerial shot, overhead	discussion.
	narratives.	Performance	shot, eye-level shot, over-the-	
	Therefore, they	Within the above they must acquire	shoulder shot, high-angle shot, low-	Creativity – applying
	allow students to	knowledge of how film form creates	angle shot, objective, subjective,	knowledge to own production.
	fully explore how	meaning.	point of view shot, viewpoint, fixed	
	the core study		axis, pan, whip pan, tilt, shifting axis,	Independence – home learning
	areas create	Students also need to acquire knowledge	dolly shot, tracking shot, zoom, crane	tasks and production.
	meaning. They	of evaluation, and learn an ability to apply	shot, hand-held, lighting, key light, fill	
	also allow	knowledge of film form critically to the	light, back light, chiaroscuro lighting,	
	excellent	texts chosen.	allusion, direction, front lighting, side	
	opportunity for		lighting, back lighting, under lighting,	
	students to	They will also acquire knowledge in how	top lighting, intensity, quality, colour,	
	engage with how	Film Aesthetics creates meaning. They	post-production, grading, black and	
	narrative	will study film as an art form and learn to	white, composition, the rule of thirds,	
	constructs create	appreciate a film's beauty and artistic	balance, symmetry, compositional	
	meaning and how	merit.	lines, physical forms, abstract forms,	
	ideologies can be		inverted triangle.	
	read within texts.	It is also important for students to apply		
		this knowledge to how under-represented		

groups are represented in terms of equality or the wider social issues. When looking at **representation**, students will focus on: gender, age and ethnicity.

Students will also garner knowledge of the contexts of film. This includes: social, historical, technological, institutional and political context.

Specialist Area: Narrative

This is where students acquire and apply knowledge of the ideas behind films. They will enhance their understanding of the world in terms of competing, values, attitudes and beliefs by studying and evaluation:

- Critical approaches
- Genre
- Ideology

Mise-en-scene: on screen, off screen, colour, setting, props, costume props, aesthetic, make-up, hair, staging, movement, use of off screen-space, positioning, meaning, relationship, narrative, fourth wall.

Editing: Continuity editing, shot/reverse shot, establishing shot, eye line match, 180 degree rule, 30 degree rule, jump-cut, cross-cutting, match on action, shot transitions, cut, fade, dissolve, wipe, match-cut, match dissolve, jump-cut, freezeframe, time and space, near chronological order, discontinuity of narrative, flashbacks, flash-forwards, dreams and fantasies, perspective, enlarged, reduced, edit, colour palette, scene, sequence, shot, frames, non-linear editing, frantic zoo, quick-cuts, Montage, Kuleshov effect, Sergei Eisenstein, city symphonies, continuous take.

Sound: Diegetic, non-diegetic, vocal, ambient, composer, music supervisor, sound recording, Foley, additional dialogue recording artists (ADR), pleonastic sound, additional dialogue recording (ADR), narration, breaking the fourth wall, unseen narrative voice, psychological /

emotional response, continuity, background music, found music, genre, in-jokes, parallel and contrapuntal sound, leitmotifs, antirealist, realist, synchronous, asynchronous.

Performance: communication, audience response, performers, visual and aural aesthetic, figure, expression, movement, body codes, non-verbal, verbal, direct bodily context, proximity (or proxemics), orientation, appearance, head movements, facial expressions, eye movement / contact, body posture / body language, gestures (kinesics), aspects of speech (paralinguistic codes), pitch, stress, tone, accent, pausing, verbal communication, pace or tempo, fast-paced, accents, performance style, realist, classical, formalist, aesthetic, improvisation, method acting.

Representation: selection, organisation, focus, stereotypes, conveyed, power dynamics, protagonist, under-representation, inequality, binary opposition, age, gender, male-gaze, Laura Mulvey, auteur, class, ethnicity, Bechdel Test, conflict, exploration, social groups,

socio-economic status, leitmotif, Spike Lee, rites of passage, passive, autonomy.

Aesthetics: cinematography, lighting, composition, mise-en-scene, framing, sequences, editing, sound, conflict, spectacle, narrative-resolution, auteur, ideology, artistic influences, Douglas Sirk, Leiter etc.

Context: social, dominant attitudes and belief, representations, messages, values, censorship, broader contexts (social / historical / cultural / political / current), institutional context (production / finance / technology), norms, visibility, European New Wave, Hollywood cinema, social-realist, ideology, Film Noir, Broken Britain, Thatcherism etc.

Specialist Area: Narrative

As above and: social / national identity, dominant beliefs, challenge, reinforce, critical evaluation, align, family issues, social class, employment, youth and urban culture, impact of social issues e.g. alcoholism, Broken Britain, unemployment, family life,

			exploitation, role-models, isolation, childhood, nature / freedom, lense, ideology, British New Wave, Social Realism, Ken Loach, Mike Leigh, Andrea Arnold, realism, 'kitchen sink dramas', narrative device, perspective, resolution, opening, climax etc.	
Global Film (two-film study) European film / Outside Europe	We have chosen Pan's Labyrinth and City of God because they further extend the range of diversity of narrative film. Each film represents a distinct geographical, social, cultural world and a particular expressive use of film form. Pan's Labyrinth offers the opportunity to	Core Areas Students need to acquire knowledge in the following areas of film form: Cinematography Mise-en-scene Editing Sound Performance Within the above they must acquire knowledge of how film form creates meaning. Students also need to acquire knowledge of evaluation, and learn an ability to apply knowledge of film form critically to the texts chosen. They will also acquire knowledge in how Film Aesthetics creates meaning. They will study film as an art form and learn to	Cinematography: extreme long shot, establishing shot, long shot, mediumlong shot, mid-shot, two-shot, foreground, background, medium close-up, close-up, extreme close-up, depth of field, aerial shot, overhead shot, eye-level shot, over-the-shoulder shot, high-angle shot, low-angle shot, objective, subjective, point of view shot, viewpoint, fixed axis, pan, whip pan, tilt, shifting axis, dolly shot, tracking shot, zoom, crane shot, hand-held, lighting, key light, fill light, back light, chiaroscuro lighting, allusion, direction, front lighting, side lighting, back lighting, under lighting, top lighting, intensity, quality, colour, post-production, grading, black and white, composition, the rule of thirds,	AO1: Demonstration of knowledge. AO2: a) Application / explanation of knowledge to analyse films Oracy through classroom based discussion. Creativity – applying knowledge to own production. Independence – home learning tasks and production.

with a distinct
European context
and theme. It
reflects its
director and its
country of origin
(Del Torro /
Spain). It mixes
elements of
surrealism and
fantasy in its
narrative of civil
war.

City of God offers the opportunity to study film from another key cinematic territory (Meireilles/ Brazil). It represents a distinctive film set in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and contrasts the lives of different young people growing up in a very violent environment.

appreciate a film's beauty and artistic merit.

It is also important for students to apply this knowledge to how under-represented groups are represented in terms of equality or the wider social issues. When looking at **representation**, students will focus on: gender, age and ethnicity.

Students will also garner knowledge of the contexts of film. This includes: social, historical, technological, institutional and political context. lines, physical forms, abstract forms, inverted triangle, film as spectacle.

Mise-en-scene: on screen, off screen, colour, setting, props, costume props, aesthetic, make-up, hair, staging, movement, use of off screen-space, positioning, meaning, relationship, narrative, fourth wall.

Editing: Continuity editing, shot/reverse shot, establishing shot, eye line match, 180 degree rule, 30 degree rule, jump-cut, cross-cutting, match on action, shot transitions, cut, fade, dissolve, wipe, match-cut, match dissolve, jump-cut, freezeframe, time and space, near chronological order, discontinuity of narrative, flashbacks, flash-forwards, dreams and fantasies, perspective, enlarged, reduced, edit, colour palette, scene, sequence, shot, frames, non-linear editing, frantic zoo, quick-cuts, Montage, Kuleshov effect, Sergei Eisenstein, city symphonies, continuous take.

Sound: Diegetic, non-diegetic, vocal, ambient, composer, music supervisor, sound recording, Foley, additional dialogue recording artists (ADR), pleonastic sound, additional

dialogue recording (ADR), narration, breaking the fourth wall, unseen narrative voice, psychological / emotional response, continuity, background music, found music, genre, in-jokes, parallel and contrapuntal sound, leitmotifs, antirealist, realist, synchronous, asynchronous.

Performance: communication, audience response, performers, visual and aural aesthetic, figure, expression, movement, body codes, non-verbal, verbal, direct bodily context, proximity (or proxemics), orientation, appearance, head movements, facial expressions, eye movement / contact, body posture / body language, gestures (kinesics), aspects of speech (paralinguistic codes), pitch, stress, tone, accent, pausing, verbal communication, pace or tempo, fast-paced, accents, performance style, realist, classical, formalist, aesthetic, improvisation, method acting.

Representation: selection, organisation, focus, stereotypes, conveyed, power dynamics, protagonist, under-representation, inequality, binary opposition, age,

gender, male-gaze, Laura Mulvey, auteur, class, ethnicity, Bechdel Test, conflict, exploration, social groups, socio-economic status, leitmotif, Spike Lee, rites of passage, passive, autonomy, Peking Opera, wuxia. Aesthetics: cinematography, lighting, composition, mise-en-scene, framing, sequences, editing, sound, conflict, spectacle, narrative- resolution, auteur, ideology, artistic
framing, sequences, editing, sound, conflict, spectacle, narrative-
institutional context (production / finance / technology), norms, visibility, cultural revolution, Beijing Film Academy, 5 th Generation, cultural revolution, Mao, CGI, digital effects, acrobatics, fantasy.

Topic	Rationale	Knowledge acquisition	Key vocabulary	Skills and enrichment
Hollywood	The comparative	Core Areas	Core Areas	AO1: Demonstration of
1930-1990	study requires	Students need to acquire knowledge	Cinematography: extreme	knowledge.
(comparative	the exploration of	in the following areas of film form:	long shot, establishing shot,	AO2: a) Application /
study)	one film from the	 Cinematography 	long shot, medium-long shot,	explanation of knowledge to
	Classical	 Mise-en-scene 	mid-shot, two-shot,	analyse films
	Hollywood	• Editing	foreground, background,	
	period and one	• Sound	medium close-up, close-up,	Oracy through classroom based
	from what is	 Performance 	extreme close-up, depth of	discussion.
	generally referred	Within the above they must acquire	field, aerial shot, overhead	
	to as New	knowledge of how film form creates	shot, eye-level shot, over-	Creativity – applying
	Hollywood.	meaning.	the-shoulder shot, high-angle	knowledge to own production.
	Vertigo,		shot, low-angle shot,	
	is now considered	Students also need to acquire	objective, subjective, point of	Independence – home learning
	by many to be	knowledge of evaluation, and learn an	view shot, viewpoint, fixed	tasks and production.
	Alfred Hitchcock's	ability to apply knowledge of film	axis, pan, whip pan, tilt,	
	most	form critically to the texts chosen.	shifting axis, dolly shot,	
	compelling and		tracking shot, 'Vertigo shot,'	
	beautiful film,	They will also acquire knowledge in	zoom, crane shot, hand-held,	
	and therefore a	how Film Aesthetics creates meaning.	lighting, key light, fill light,	
	good	They will study film as an art form and	back light, chiaroscuro	
	introduction for	learn to appreciate a film's beauty	lighting, allusion, direction,	
	students into	and artistic merit.	front lighting, side lighting,	
	both Classic		back lighting, under lighting,	
	Hollywood and	It is also important for students to	top lighting, intensity, quality,	
	an <i>Auteur</i>	apply this knowledge to how under-	colour, post-production,	
	Director. <i>Blade</i>	represented groups are represented	grading, black and white,	
	Runner is a bleak	in terms of equality or the wider	composition, the rule of	
	and dystopian	social issues. When looking at	thirds, balance, symmetry,	
	neo noir fable	representation, students will focus	compositional lines, physical	
	that will	on: gender, age and ethnicity.	forms, abstract forms,	
	encourage		inverted triangle.	
	student analysis			

of the conventions of film noir and science fiction. The film presents a horrific version of the future and ideas about the death of humanity. We will encourage students to consider the film's exploration of mortality, memory and identity.

Students will also garner knowledge of the contexts of film. This includes: social, historical, technological, institutional and political context.

Specialist Area: Auteur

This is where students acquire and apply knowledge of the ideas behind films. They will enhance their understanding of the world in terms of competing, values, attitudes and beliefs by studying and evaluation:

- Critical approaches
- Genre
- Ideology

The idea of the auteur places filmmakers within the context of the Hollywood film institution in which they worked.

- Learners will consider: to what extent it is possible to identify the distinctive contribution of creative individuals, most often directors, within a large industrial production process
- how far it is appropriate to talk about these individuals as auteurs
- how far it is more appropriate to consider filmmaking as a collaborative process.

Mise-en-scene: on screen, off screen, colour, setting, props, costume props, aesthetic, make-up, hair, staging, movement, use of off screenspace, positioning, meaning, relationship, narrative, fourth wall.

Editing: Continuity editing, shot/reverse shot, establishing shot, eye line match, 180 degree rule, 30 degree rule, jump-cut, crosscutting, match on action, shot transitions, cut, fade, dissolve, wipe, match-cut, match dissolve, jump-cut, freeze-frame, time and space, near chronological order, discontinuity of narrative, flashbacks, flash-forwards, dreams and fantasies, perspective, enlarged, reduced, edit, colour palette, scene, sequence, shot, frames, non-linear editing, frantic zoo, quick-cuts, Montage, Kuleshov effect, Sergei Eisenstein, city symphonies, continuous take.

Sound: Diegetic, nondiegetic, vocal, ambient, composer, music supervisor, sound recording, Foley, additional dialogue recording artists (ADR), pleonastic sound, additional dialogue recording (ADR), narration, breaking the fourth wall, unseen narrative voice, psychological / emotional response, continuity, background music, found music, genre, in-jokes, parallel and contrapuntal sound, leitmotifs, anti-realist, realist, synchronous, asynchronous.

Performance:
communication, audience
response, performers, visual
and aural aesthetic, figure,
expression, movement, body
codes, non-verbal, verbal,
direct bodily context,
proximity (or proxemics),
orientation, appearance,
head movements, facial
expressions, eye movement /
contact, body posture / body
language, gestures (kinesics),
aspects of speech

(paralinguistic codes), pitch, stress, tone, accent, pausing, verbal communication, pace or tempo, fast-paced, accents, performance style, realist, classical, formalist, aesthetic, improvisation, method acting.

Representation: selection, organisation, focus, stereotypes, conveyed, power dynamics, protagonist, under-representation, inequality, binary opposition, age, gender, male-gaze, Laura Mulvey, auteur, class, ethnicity, Bechdel Test, conflict, exploration, social groups, socio-economic status, leitmotif, rites of passage, passive, autonomy.

Aesthetics: cinematography, lighting, composition, mise-en-scene, framing, sequences, editing, sound, conflict, spectacle, narrative-resolution, auteur, ideology, artistic influences, Douglas Sirk, Leiter etc.

			Context: social, dominant attitudes and belief, representations, messages, values, censorship, broader contexts (social / historical / cultural / political / current), institutional context (production / finance / technology), norms, visibility, European New Wave, Hollywood cinema, ideology, Film Noir Specialist Area: Auteur As above and: signature, auteur theory, authorship, collaboration, visual style, cold- war paranoia, crisis of masculinity, misogyny, colour codes, Freud, dystopia, humanity, identity.	
American film since 2005 (two- film study)	Carol revisits the classic Hollywood melodrama of the 1950s while dramatizing a story of the love between women.	Core Areas Students need to acquire knowledge in the following areas of film form: Cinematography Mise-en-scene Editing Sound Performance	Core Areas Cinematography: extreme long shot, establishing shot, long shot, medium- long shot, mid-shot, two-shot, foreground, background, medium close-up, close-up, extreme close-up, depth of field, aerial shot, overhead shot, eye-level shot, over-the-	AO1: Demonstration of knowledge. AO2: a) Application / explanation of knowledge to analyse films Oracy through classroom based discussion.

consider ideas around genre and also look closely at contextual issues, as well as spectatorship. Winter's Bone, is a film with a young female protagonist and a female director. It presents a working class, rural community and is an excellent text for students to consider a variety of issues around representation, notably gender and class.

Within the above they must acquire knowledge of how film form creates meaning.

Students also need to acquire knowledge of evaluation, and learn an ability to apply knowledge of film form critically to the texts chosen.

They will also acquire knowledge in how Film Aesthetics creates meaning. They will study film as an art form and learn to appreciate a film's beauty and artistic merit.

It is also important for students to apply this knowledge to how underrepresented groups are represented in terms of equality or the wider social issues. When looking at representation, students will focus on: gender, age and ethnicity.

Students will also garner knowledge of the contexts of film. This includes: social, historical, technological, institutional and political context the core study areas.

Specialist Area: Spectatorship

This is where students acquire and apply knowledge of the ideas behind films. They will enhance their

angle shot, objective, subjective, point of view shot, viewpoint, fixed axis, pan, whip pan, tilt, shifting axis, dolly shot, tracking shot, 'Vertigo shot,' zoom, crane shot, hand-held, lighting, key light, fill light, back light, chiaroscuro lighting, allusion, direction, front lighting, side lighting, back lighting, under lighting, top lighting, intensity, quality, colour, post-production, grading, black and white, composition, the rule of thirds, balance, symmetry, compositional lines, physical forms, abstract forms, inverted triangle.

Mise-en-scene: on screen, off screen, colour, setting, props, costume props, aesthetic, make-up, hair, staging, movement, use of off screen-space, positioning, meaning, relationship, narrative, fourth wall.

Editing: Continuity editing, shot/reverse shot, establishing shot, eye line match, 180 degree rule, 30 degree rule, jump-cut, cross-cutting, match on action, shot transitions, cut, fade, dissolve, wipe, match-cut, match dissolve, jump-cut, freeze-frame, time and space, near chronological order, discontinuity of narrative, flashbacks, flash-forwards,

Creativity – applying knowledge to own production.

Independence – home learning tasks and production.

understanding of the world in terms of competing, values, attitudes and beliefs by studying and evaluation:

- Critical approaches
- Genre
- Ideology

These films ask the students to discuss ideas around spectatorship. They will analyse how the films encourage the audience to be engaged and active in interpreting the narratives.

dreams and fantasies, perspective, enlarged, reduced, edit, colour palette, scene, sequence, shot, frames, non-linear editing, frantic zoo, quick-cuts, Montage, Kuleshov effect, Sergei Eisenstein, city symphonies, continuous take.

Sound: Diegetic, non-diegetic, vocal, ambient, composer, music supervisor, sound recording, Foley, additional dialogue recording artists (ADR), pleonastic sound, additional dialogue recording (ADR), narration, breaking the fourth wall, unseen narrative voice, psychological / emotional response, continuity, background music, found music, genre, in-jokes, parallel and contrapuntal sound, leitmotifs, antirealist, realist, synchronous, asynchronous.

Performance: communication, audience response, performers, visual and aural aesthetic, figure, expression, movement, body codes, non-verbal, verbal, direct bodily context, proximity (or proxemics), orientation, appearance, head movements, facial expressions, eye movement / contact, body posture / body language, gestures (kinesics),

aspects of speech (paralinguistic codes), pitch, stress, tone, accent, pausing, verbal communication, pace or tempo, fast-paced, accents, performance style, realist, classical, formalist, aesthetic, improvisation, method acting.

Representation: selection, organisation, focus, stereotypes, conveyed, power dynamics, protagonist, under-representation, inequality, binary opposition, age, gender, male-gaze, Laura Mulvey, auteur, class, ethnicity, Bechdel Test, conflict, exploration, social groups, socio-economic status, leitmotif, rites of passage, passive, autonomy.

Aesthetics: cinematography, lighting, composition, mise-en-scene, framing, sequences, editing, sound, conflict, spectacle, narrative-resolution, auteur, ideology, artistic influences, Douglas Sirk, Leiter etc.

Context: social, dominant attitudes and belief, representations, messages, values, censorship, broader contexts (social / historical / cultural / political / current), institutional context (production / finance / technology), norms,

			visibility, Hollywood cinema, ideology, invisibility / visibility, lesbian, queer, liberation movement, homosexual rights, same sex marriage, McCarthy, witch-hunt, communism, social taboos etc. Specialist Area: Spectatorship As above and: Mulvey, viewer response, active and passive, visual style, visual codes, sound design, misogyny, colour codes, Specialist area: ideology Queer, LGBTQ+, lesbian, feminism, marginalisation	
Topic	Rationale	Knowledge acquisition	Key vocabulary	Skills and enrichment
Getting Creative: Production Prep	Production is a crucial and synoptic part of the specification, giving learners the opportunity to put into practice the filmmaking ideas they develop through their course of study. Through the production of a	Students need to acquire in knowledge in three key areas for this topic. The key word here is 'apply'. They will need to learn how to apply their knowledge of: The structural elements of filmmaking / screen writing The key elements of filmmaking / screenwriting This is where students will be able to learn about the art of screen writing in particular, by following (and then sometimes breaking), a strict set of conventions. They will learn how short	Screenwriting, evaluative analysis, narrative twist, enigma, conflict, character development, shorts, key elements of film form (cinematography, lighting, mise-enscene, editing, sound and performance), meaning and response (representation, aesthetics), contexts of film (social, cultural, political, historical, institutional), spectatorship, narrative, ideology, auteur, critical debates, filmmaker's theories, narrative structure, three act structure, plot, story, linear, non-	AO3: Apply key knowledge of elements of film to the production of a film or screenplay. AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of elements of film to analyse and evaluate own work in relation to other professionally produced work. Students will develop their writing practice through a

	short film or	films are constructed and be able to apply	linear, flashbacks, flash-forwards,	variety of writing exercises built
	screenplay	this to their own artistic practice.	episodic, circular, plot points,	to increase in complexity.
	students can		storyline, framing, stop-motion	
	experiment with	Finally, students will learn the most	animation, French New Wave, genre	The will also need to develop
th	the creation of	challenging aspect of this course:	conventions, courier, format, master	their skill in editing.
	film as an art	knowledge of themselves as screenwriters	scene script, slugline, INT, EXT,	Screenwriting is editing and
	form. In order to	/ filmmakers. They will need to reflect on	scene/action descriptor,	therefore students will
	do this they will	their process, consider a wide range of	psychological detail, exposition,	complete a series of drafts,
	study a wide	filmic influences, and evaluate how they	dialogue, photographic storyboard,	each time reflecting on how to
	selection of short	have created meaning for audiences: all	setting, shot types e.g. close-up etc,	improve, until they reach a final
	films /	by comparing their work to the work of	CUT, DISSOLVE TO, diegetic, non-	draft for hand in.
	screenplays, from	others. This way they will demonstrate	diegetic, meaningful locations,	
	which they must	knowledge of themselves as artistic	narrative features, dramatic qualities,	There will be opportunities to
	draw inspiration,	practitioners.	spectators, professionally-produced	visit Sunderland University, and
	and then		screenplays.	speak with filmmakers and
	comment on in			scriptwriters.
	the evaluation of			
	their final			
	production. In			
	this way, learners			
	become reflective			
	film-making			
	practitioners in			
	their own right.			
Film	The films	Core Areas	Core Areas	AO1: Demonstration of
movements -	selected for study	Students need to acquire knowledge	Cinematography: extreme long shot,	knowledge.
Silent	in this section	in the following areas of film form:	establishing shot, long shot, medium-	AO2: a) Application /
cinema:	represent major	 Cinematography 	long shot, mid-shot, two-shot,	explanation of knowledge to
Sunrise	stylistic	Mise-en-scene	foreground, background, medium	analyse films
(Murnau, US,	movements in	• Editing	close-up, close-up, extreme close-up,	
1927)	silent	• Sound	depth of field, aerial shot, overhead	Oracy through classroom based
	Cinema which are essential for	Performance	shot, eye-level shot, over-the- shoulder shot, high-angle shot, low-	discussion.

students' understanding of Film as a source of study. The silent period saw filmmakers working to develop film narrative and film form and to communicate ever more effectively through purely visual means. Students will look in particular at two key film movements: German Expressionism and Soviet Montage. The students will analyse Sunrise, made by the most celebrated of German Expressionist directors, F.W.Murnau.

Within the above they must acquire knowledge of how film form creates meaning.

Students also need to acquire knowledge of evaluation, and learn an ability to apply knowledge of film form critically to the texts chosen.

They will also acquire knowledge in how Film Aesthetics creates meaning. They will study film as an art form and learn to appreciate a film's beauty and artistic merit.

It is also important for students to apply this knowledge to how underrepresented groups are represented in terms of equality or the wider social issues. When looking at representation, students will focus on: gender, age and ethnicity.

Students will also garner knowledge of the contexts of film. This includes: social, historical, technological, institutional and political context the core study areas.

Specialist Area: Spectatorship
This is where students acquire and apply knowledge of the ideas behind films. They will enhance their understanding of the world in terms

angle shot, objective, subjective, point of view shot, viewpoint, fixed axis, pan, whip pan, tilt, shifting axis, dolly shot, tracking shot, 'Vertigo shot,' zoom, crane shot, hand-held, lighting, key light, fill light, back light, chiaroscuro lighting, allusion, direction, front lighting, side lighting, back lighting, under lighting, top lighting, intensity, quality, colour, post-production, grading, black and white, composition, the rule of thirds, balance, symmetry, compositional lines, physical forms, abstract forms, inverted triangle.

Mise-en-scene: on screen, off screen, colour, setting, props, costume props, aesthetic, make-up, hair, staging, movement, use of off screen-space, positioning, meaning, relationship, narrative, fourth wall.

Editing: Continuity editing, shot/reverse shot, establishing shot, eye line match, 180 degree rule, 30 degree rule, jump-cut, cross-cutting, match on action, shot transitions, cut, fade, dissolve, wipe, match-cut, match dissolve, jump-cut, freeze-frame, time and space, near chronological order, discontinuity of narrative, flashbacks, flash-forwards,

Creativity – applying knowledge to own production.

Independence – home learning tasks and production.

of competing, values, attitudes and beliefs by studying and evaluation:

- Critical approaches
- Genre
- Ideology

These films ask the students to discuss ideas around spectatorship. They will analyse how the films encourage the audience to be engaged and active in interpreting the narratives.

Learners are required to study the following two debates in relation to the following:

Debate: The realist and the expressive. In the 1940s, the French film critic André Bazin set in motion a major debate when he argued that both German Expressionist and Soviet Montage filmmaking went against what he saw as the 'realist' calling of cinema. This opposition between the realist and the expressive has informed thinking about film from the beginnings of cinema when the documentary realism of the Lumière Brothers was set in opposition to the fantasy films of Méliès.

dreams and fantasies, perspective, enlarged, reduced, edit, colour palette, scene, sequence, shot, frames, non-linear editing, frantic zoo, quick-cuts, Montage, Kuleshov effect, Sergei Eisenstein, city symphonies, continuous take.

Sound: Diegetic, non-diegetic, synchronised musical score.

Performance: communication, audience response, performers, visual and aural aesthetic, figure, expression, movement, body codes, non-verbal, verbal, direct bodily context, proximity (or proxemics), orientation, appearance, head movements, facial expressions, eye movement / contact, body posture / body language, gestures (kinesics), aspects of speech (paralinguistic codes), pitch, stress, tone, accent, pausing, verbal communication, pace or tempo, fast-paced, accents, performance style, realist, classical, formalist, aesthetic, improvisation, method acting.

Representation: selection, organisation, focus, stereotypes, conveyed, power dynamics, protagonist, under-representation,

inequality, binary opposition, age, gender, male-gaze, , auteur, class, ethnicity, , conflict, exploration, social groups, socio-economic status, leitmotif, rites of passage, passive, autonomy.

Aesthetics: cinematography, lighting, composition, mise-en-scene, framing, sequences, editing, sound, conflict, spectacle, narrative-resolution, auteur, ideology, artistic influences, etc.

Context: social, dominant attitudes and belief, representations, messages, values, censorship, broader contexts (social / historical / cultural / political / current), institutional context (production / finance / technology), norms, visibility, European New Wave, Hollywood cinema, ideology, Film Noir,

Specialist Area: Critical Debates

As above and: signature, auteur theory, authorship, collaboration, real and expressive, Melies, Lumiere Brothers, Bazin, Kammerspielfilm, binary opposition