



Thank you for your application to study A Levels at our amazing High Pavement Sixth Form Centre, part of Nottingham College.

We're excited to be welcoming you to Nottingham College this September. Soon you'll be receiving your invitation to one of our enrolment events so that you can secure your place with us. This invitation should be with you early in August.

To help you prepare for A Levels at Nottingham College we have produced some materials and other resources for you. These are for your benefit so please do your best to look through the information relevant to the courses you have applied for. We hope you find them useful in preparing for A Level study. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

TASKS, RESOURCES AND RESEARCH

**We've put together
an interesting and
informative task sheet
for you to help you
develop a critical eye
for things you
see around you
and how you digest
different media.**

It's a good idea for you to have a look through and then answer the questions at the end of the document and come armed with your answers at the start of the term.

Hopefully we can kick off the year with some really interesting discussions as a group.

LEVEL UP for Media

TV, film, radio, the internet... we're surrounded by media every single day and the fight for our attention is growing all the time.

If you're interested in how the media shapes our lives and want to create your own productions, this could be the course for you.

You'll spend time analysing the media around us, debating what you find with other students and coming to your own conclusions about the media industry and where it's heading.

This course aims to develop a critical response to the media by exploring a wide variety of media, drawing on fundamental media concepts and theoretical framework. You will gain an understanding of how media products are constructed; why the producers of a text are important in media industries; how audiences are grouped and targeted, how the digital revolution allows us to become producers ourselves and how the representation of people, places and events is evident in media.



A career in Media

The media industry is one of the fastest growing and rapidly evolving industries in the world - many job roles that may be open to you when you're ready to embark on your career may not even exist yet.

You could choose to pursue a media related degree at university and they could range from:

- journalism
- media production
- visual or special effects
- animation or digital media
- multimedia, app or web development

Of course there will be other degrees of interest too, including social sciences, history, politics, marketing, design and more.

Potential careers include journalist, broadcaster, digital marketing executive, special effects designer, web designer and many more.



More about studying at High Pavement

Taking care of you

Our Student Wellbeing team run activities, sessions and programmes to support your wellbeing. They also organise trips, host events and encourage you to get involved in a whole range of activities and movements in College and nationally. So, if you're passionate about the environment, why not join the Green Society, and if you want to champion LGBTQ rights, join our LGBTQ society. If you want to suggest setting something up, we're up for that too!

Who do you talk to?

Your Personal Tutor: if you need help with your course let them know right away.

Achievement Coach: if you are worried about things outside your course and you need to speak to someone, they'll be able to help you. If they can't resolve the issue, they will put you in touch with someone who can.

Careers Adviser: they can help you get advice and information about your next steps, plus work and training options. They can also access a range of support to develop the skills you need to progress to university, and ultimately into employment.

Specialist UCAS Advisers: they are at High Pavement to help with choosing your options, completing your UCAS application, and preparing for interviews. This can be particularly useful in preparing for Oxbridge, or those more difficult to access application processes, such as for medicine and veterinary science.

Student Services: if you need to talk to someone confidentially to discuss money or get some health advice, they are here for you.

Sports and activities

Love sport? You could take part in sports clubs and inter-college competitions. If you want to relax, we host stress-busting sessions to help you with your studies. We also have a wide range of sports on offer for beginners, plus activities such as British Sign Language and driving theory skills. Our specialist sports academies offer dedicated training in different sports, with the opportunity to gain coaching qualifications alongside your studies. You could even be in with the chance to apply for USA university sports scholarships. Find out more on our website.