

Media Studies GCSE Revision Tips:

Students should regularly be recapping the exam topics **Newspapers** and **Radio News**. Key areas to focus on:

- Types of newspapers and common conventions
- Content and structure of news stories
- News gathering, accuracy and news values
- The use of language: sensationalism, hyperbole and others
- The use of emotive language
- Representation issues and audience theory
- Representation of celebrity and audience theory
- The impact of convergence on the distribution of newspapers
- Ownership of newspaper organisations and political allegiance
- Legislation in the newspaper publishing sector



Radio News: Key areas to focus on:



- News on the radio
- Writing a news bulletin
- Who is listening to news on the radio
- How has the way in which we listen to the radio changed?
- How are radio stations regulated?

There are various ways to revise for this subject. Here are some options:

1. Re-read, highlight and annotate the 4 exam booklets (this is essential).
2. Memorise key audience/reception theories such as The Uses and Gratifications theory, Cultivation Theory, Two Step Flow Theory among others. Create mnemonic cards: brainstorm key characteristics of audience theories. Learn to apply Media theories correctly. Refrain from name dropping theories in your textual analysis. Remember Chatora's top tip *#itsnottheoryforthetheory'sake*
3. Plan essays- this is one of the most valuable revision tools.
4. Create theme cards: brainstorm all of the key aspects of the course/or topics in relation to newspapers and radio news.

5. Case Studies for the exam – have several newspaper stories/or articles from both a tabloid and a broadsheet to assist you in the exam. I would suggest a minimum of three examples from each stable.
6. Media Convergence – it is important that you're well versed with media convergence and how it's affecting news production, distribution and the future of the newspaper industry.

In addition, there are various online resources available to aid your revision. Visit the links below:

Eduqas exam board resources:

<http://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=921>

Interactive online homework/revision for 2017: Newspapers and Radio News available on:

<http://www.erevision.co.uk/v4/index.asp>

Learners will need to collect their log in and password details from their Media Teachers, Mr Chatora and Ms Vine.

Recommended resources

Media Studies GCSE Revision – Last Word

1. Make sure that you're fully familiar with the layout and content of the exam paper.
2. Ensure that you're clear on the different focus and requirements of the 8 exam questions.
3. Make sure that you are familiar with and can confidently use the relevant media terminology correctly and within context. The 4 exam booklets can help in this regard.
4. Have a range of case studies in terms of news stories from both Tabloids and Broadsheet newspapers for use in the exam.
5. Pay attention to mark allocation in the exam.