

Studying A-level Film Studies at Langley Park School for Boys

Here are some ideas to get you thinking about Film from Mr W R Malyszko and Ms V Clark – if you didn't study GCSE Film Studies, this won't be a problem, but it will be useful if EVERYONE explores the resources below.

Firstly, we have created a **website especially for LPSB A-level Film Studies students** which you'll be using during the course – do explore it as you'll find the outline of the course and what films we'll be studying. There are also lots of suggestions for useful resources, books and websites, as well as many ideas to encourage you to be creative, by writing screenplays or making films on your phone, as well as writing film reviews, right now:

- <https://langleyparkfilmstudies.wordpress.com>



Secondly, have a think about **why you want to study Film** by answering these questions:

- Name the first film that you remember seeing at the cinema – which cinema?
- What are your top 5 films of all time?
- Name your favourite 3 actors and actresses.
- Who is your favourite director? What are their top 3 films?
- Do you have a favourite film website/magazine or film critic?
- If you could have any job in the film industry – what would it be?
- What would you like to do after your A-levels?
- What career would you like to have (in any industry)?
- You are very welcome to email your answers to us (email addresses below).



Thirdly, please become familiar with the writing and TV programmes of **Mark Kermode**, the film critic for **The Observer**:

- Here's his newspaper profile and archive of previous reviews (free website, but might ask you to create an account/log in):
<https://www.theguardian.com/profile/markkermode>
- He currently has two excellent BBCFour TV series **Secrets of Cinema** – catch them now while they're available of BBCiPlayer (free but you need to create an account/log in):
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b0bbn5pt/mark-kermodes-secrets-of-cinema>



Also:

Why not explore the many films (and films about films) free on **BBCiPlayer**. This is a fun and informative series **Inside Cinema** – lots of 6-7 minute films about films:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p07mj641>

Here's a long list of films you can watch on iPlayer – experiment and consider old classic films as well as newer ones, or a genre that you don't usually watch – check availability dates carefully:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/films/most-recent>

Mark Cousins is a fascinating and clever documentary film-maker and writer on film. He has just created a lockdown film for university Film students, **40 Days to Learn Film** – it has a special focus on World cinema and classics: <https://vimeo.com/399407221>



Finally, as you might be aware, the School has its own community cinema, called **FILMBOX**. Obviously it is, like all cinemas, closed until further notice, but on its website is an interview with a former LPSB student, **Chris Dodds**, who is now a successful Director of Photography – have a look at the interview here and watch his latest short film, **Rocket Boy** and watch his showreel:

- <https://langleyfilmbox.com/2020/04/17/4293/>



We look forward to welcoming you to A-level Film Studies in the Autumn Term. Please feel free to email us with any questions: wrmalyszko@lpsb.org.uk and vaclark@lpsb.org.uk