

FILM STUDIES

SUMMER WORK | READING LIST | YOUTUBE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Film Studies Summer Work 2026

Hello everybody, welcome to Film Studies at S6C!

Here you'll find some work to do over the next few months whilst you wait to start college.

If you click [HERE](#) you'll find a chapter on Film Language. This will give you an insight into how we analyse films and will give you a great headstart for September.

As this is Film Studies, it would be great for you to watch films!

Task 1 - You should try and engage with both feature films on streaming services, as well as short films. Here is a link to a fantastic website called 'Short of the Week':

- [Short of the Week](#)

You should select and watch **THREE SHORT FILMS** and write a review from your perspective, these questions will give you a starting point: **Was it engaging? How did it or the characters make you feel? Was it what you were expecting? What did you like about the way it was filmed, produced, animated?**

Task 2 - To get the most out of the course I would recommend starting a [Letterboxd](#) account to journal your film viewings and to discover more. It would be really helpful if you could see the following:

- A film not in the English language (with English subtitles)
- A film made in the **Classical Hollywood Era** and a film made in the **New Hollywood Era**
- A silent film ([lots on YouTube here](#))
- A film which you feel is not aimed at you - eg. **you are not the TARGET AUDIENCE.**

Extension Tasks - One of our units is about early cinema. To introduce you to this I'd like you to see [this documentary](#), if you can.

The above two tasks should be completed and ready to hand in on your first Film lesson in September 2026.

Finally, I have added a list of recommended films for you all, see how many you have already seen and track any more you watch over the summer!

Any queries please do get in touch & see you in September!

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A Level Film Studies – Lainey’s Recommended Films List!

Rear Window	The Triplets of Belleville
Psycho	Sexy Beast
Citizen Kane	Donnie Darko
Seven	Kill Bill Vol 1
Singing in the Rain	Akira
Rear Window	Parasite
Casablanca	Sin City
Goodfellas	Inception
Alien	Good Will Hunting
21 Grams	Brokeback Mountain
City of God	Point Break
Pans Labyrinth	Blue Valentine
Get Out	Drive
Kes	Leon
Boyhood	Boogie Nights
The Sound of Music	Moonlight
Scary Movie 2	Starship Troopers
25th Hour	The Shining
Blazing Saddles	Interstellar
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind	Hunger
Empire of the Sun - Fav Spielberg	Fight Club
Some Like It Hot	Terminator 2: Judgement Day
Touching the Void - Documentary	Children of Men
The Lives of Others	Mad Max Fury Road
Goodbye Lenin	Grand Budapest Hotel
La Haine	The Matrix
Requiem for a Dream	Donnie Darko
Spirited Away	Scott Pilgrim vs The World
Minority Report	Hot Fuzz
2001: A Space Odyssey	Amelie
Full Metal Jacket	Trainspotting
Jaws	Up
City of God	Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse
Blade Runner	The Social Network
Sicario	The Silence of the Lambs
Bicycle Thieves	Gladiator
North by Northwest	Ghost in the Shell
Philadelphia Story	20 Feet from Stardom - Documentary
Battleship Potemkin	Amy - Documentary
Modern Times	The Good the Bad & the Ugly
Grave of the Fireflies	Senna - Documentary
Howl's Moving Castle	Scratch - Documentary
High School Musical	Everything Everywhere All at Once
A Few Good Men	A Time to Kill