Course Start Task Sheet & Course Info.

This Course Start Task is the independent learning you need to complete as part of your introduction to the Foundation (L2) Film Production course. You should spend around two hours on it.

Read all the information below (not just the task) before you start.

The Task.

Tell me about your favourite film genre and why it appeals to you. Then briefly discuss a favourite film within this genre.

I don't want to know what ChatGTP thinks about genre - and I don't much care what it thinks its fav films are. I want to know what *you* think. Please don't use AI for this task!

How you do this is up to you. Here are some suggestions:
- Make a short video using clips and a voiceover (1-2 mins).
- Create a slide presentation: key points with images (4-5 slides).
- Write a report with images (one side of A4).

Here are some questions to help structure your work if you feel you need a structure.

Choose a genre you love.
- What's your favourite genre of films?
- Why do you like it so much?
- What are some of the typical conventions of this genre?

Choose a film you love from the genre.
- When was it produced?
- Which studio or company produced it?
- Who directed it?
- What makes it part of the genre you like?

Foundation (L2) Film Production. Course details.

Course structure:
The Film Production course is a CTEC course and is 100% coursework. There are no exams. It is comprised of three main projects; a research project and two film production projects. You will spend approximately a term on each of these. You need to pass all of them to gain the qualification. All projects are graded *pass, merit* or *distinction.*

What will you be actually doing?
Your time in class will be a mixture of teacher-led sessions; lectures with set tasks to complete, and self-directed planning and production time. You will also be expected to undertake learning of at least 3 hours per week outside of timetabled sessions - this will most likely involve researching, planning and filming.

What skills will you be developing?
Practical and technical: using cameras, your phones and a variety of editing software to produce and edit creative work.

Creative: coming up with ideas and making stuff.

Research: finding out about existing films and TV programmes, looking for inspiration for your own creative projects.

Organisation: Submitting work on time means managing your own time effectively. The course is broken down into many shorter tasks to make managing your workload easier.

Communication: film is a collaborative activity and you will be working in a professional manner with both teaching staff and other students in your class.

Course Start Details: how the task relates to the course.

How the Course Start Task fits into your coursework.	*UNIT 1 - Introducing Media Products & Audiences* is one of the coursework units you will complete for this qualification. It is a research project where you will research into the film industry. One of the tasks for this research project is to investigate the concept of *genre*.
How will the Course Start Task learning be used in lessons?	This project work is designed to get you to start thinking about the film industry (as an industry) and also for me, as your teacher for the year, to find out a little bit more about you and your interest in film.
Study Skills you will use for this task.	**Research skills** - using suggested sources and identifying key information. **Communication skills** - communicating your ideas and findings effectively. **Technical skills -** Using appropriate technology to create and present your work

See you in September!
Ant (Anthony Gates), your teacher for the year