GCSE Media Studies Production Portfolio

Your Task

You will produce an extract from a NEW magazine aimed at a female audience. This will include:

- The front cover
- A contents page
- A double page spread

You can choose to create:

- A woman's lifestyle magazine (i.e Vogue, Cosmopolitan, Red)
- A teenage girls' magazine (i.e. Bliss, Shout)
- A lifestyle magazine for young women (i.e. Glamour, InStyle)

You will be awarded the following marks

Production Log 30 marks
Production 60 marks
Evaluation 30 marks

- You can work in pairs. You can work together on the front cover and contents page but each student must produce their own Double Page Spread.
- You must use some original photography in your magazine.







Production Log Evidence

Research into similar magazines.	
(At least one Front Cover, Contents + DPS from same edition)	
Analysis of two front covers	
Analysis of two contents pages	
Analysis of two double page spreads,	
Research into target audience	
Advertising pack information for a similar magazine (if available)	
Ideal audience profile – age, gender, interests, aspirations, income, fashion/shopping	
interests, celeb/music artist interests	
Questionnaires/surveys to gain feedback from target audience to help your decision	
process. Ask questions related to content choice, style, layout etc.	
Front Cover Plan	
Title ideas, font choice, connotations, rejected ideas, reason for final choice linked to	
audience feedback	
Ideas for straplines, text, language techniques	
Font ideas – try out your title and straplines in different fonts – get audience feedback	
Image ideas – use found images, sketches	
Mock up of front cover to try out layout ideas	
Contents Page Plan	
List of contents	
Mock up of layout	
Images found images/sketches for ideas, own images	
DPS plan	
Research for article	
Draft article + revisions/improvements	
Image ideas – found images/sketches for ideas, own images	
Deadlines/Organisation of time and resources	
Schedule with deadlines showing how you will organise your	
time/locations/models/resources	
Production Diary	
What you've done each week – you need to make it clear what your individual	
contribution has been.	

Assessment

Level 4 (24–30 marks) Evidence of Excellent...

- research into similar products and a potential target audience.
- organisation of actors, locations, costumes or props.
- work on layouts, drafting, scripting
- time management