

# GETTING AHEAD



Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

## Media Studies – A Level

### Create

Please create a brief PowerPoint/Google Slides presentation using images you have taken around your home to illustrate a range of shot types.

1. Look at this website to help you start familiarising yourself with these key terms: <https://www.studiobinder.com/blog/ultimate-guide-to-camera-shots/#shot-size>
2. Create as many examples of the following shot types as you can without leaving your home.
  - Long Shot
  - Cowboy Shot
  - Mid Shot
  - Close-Up
  - Extreme Close-Up
3. Screenshot (or use Google images) find professional examples, from film and TV shows, that use these shot types.
4. If you are feeling confident, can you ascribe meaning to these shots? (i.e. what message is it trying to convey and how are elements, such as lighting, used to tell a story?)

***Please ask willing family members to be your subject(s), you should be behind the camera. If you are struggling; pets, action figures, etc. will do just fine!***

- Please think carefully about how you present this information, think of creative ways to use PowerPoint/Google to create dynamic presentations.

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- We will be asking for this work on the first day of College so please be ready to submit this digitally on the first day once you have been assigned Google Logins for Classroom.

## Watch

**YouTube is a fantastic way to get acquainted with filmmaking practices. See if you can find some videos that explain basic shot types and include links in your presentation.**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FilmmakerIQcom>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/filmriot>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/indymogul>

## Did You Know?

The first moving image cameras were invented in the 1890s so filmmaking as a creative practice has been around for many years! Things have changed a lot in that time and having an awareness of the history of filmmaking is so important.

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