Film Studies Summer Homework

In Film Studies your teachers will need to know what your tastes and interests are to determine what are the best texts to study over the year. Your summer homework will help them to understand your tastes in the film world and assess your awareness of directors and stars.

Task: To write a review for a film that you think other classmates should watch. You must bring the review in for the start of the course.

The purpose of sharing the review is to raise your classmates' awareness of a film that you've enjoyed or that you think others may learn from. To look for a review you can find them online or take an article from a popular magazine such as *Empire*, *Total Film* and *Hotdog*.

There is no rule book on what makes a good review, but here are a few things to look for:

A basic overview of the story/narrative/plot.

Comments about the actors' performance

A comparison of other work by the actors or the director (if you know their work)

Images to compliment the review – screenshots or promotional pictures

An overview of the themes or main ideas explored in the film

The strengths of the film

Reasons why the film would be worth seeing – if you really like the film you should look for statements that support your ideas about the film.

Advice:

The review should be at least a page

The review must be ready to bring in the first week of lessons

Any worries or concerns come and see Mr Wheatley.