Getting Ahead - Pre-course Work

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Media Level 3 Extended Diploma

Welcome to **Media**. In preparation for the start of the course, please complete these tasks and have them with you to hand in during your first week of college in September.

These tasks should take you approximately four and a half hours to complete and are designed to give you an introduction to the subject, and the expectations we have for you to complete at least thirteen and a half hours of independent study per week.

Task 1 - My Day in 10 Frames

Create a photo story using 10 carefully chosen images that represent a day in your life. This task will help you start thinking like a media creator — using composition, sequencing, and visual storytelling to communicate meaning.

Step 1 – Plan Your Story

Think about a typical or interesting day in your life.

- Choose 10 key moments that you can capture in a photo.
- These can be literal (e.g., breakfast, walking the dog) or symbolic (e.g., a shadow, a close-up of your shoes).

Step 2 - Capture Your Photos

Use your phone or any camera to take your 8 photos. Try to vary your shots:

- Wide shots to show setting
- Close-ups for detail
- Angles to create mood or interest

Think about lighting, framing, and focus — no need for perfection, just creativity.

Step 3 - Assemble Your Photos

Arrange your 10 photos in a sequence that tells a story. You can:

- Print them and stick them on paper
- Create a collage using free tools like Canva, Google Slides or PowerPoint
- Or simply insert them into a Word or PDF document

Step 4 - Add Captions

Write a short caption (1–2 sentences) for each photo. Your captions should help tell the story or give insight into what the photo represents.

Step 5 - Reflection

Write a short paragraph (100–150 words) about:



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- What you learned about visual storytelling What you enjoyed or found challenging about the mini task

