



Icknield Community College

Headteacher: Mr M Hunter, BA (Hons), MSc, NPQH
Love Lane, Watlington, Oxfordshire, OX49 5RB



10 May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, your child has taken *GCSE Media Studies* this year where we have, so far, studied a range of texts including: film trailers; moving and still advertisements; video games; radio shows; music videos. We are now embarking on our TV series unit. Within this, students are expected to watch a whole episode of a contemporary TV series and compare it to a TV series from the 1970s. We are going to study the *Crime Drama* genre where series 1, episode 1 of *The Sweeney* and *Luther* are the exam set texts.

The reason I am writing is because *Luther* has an age certificate of 15 as some episodes contain "sex references and violence and bloody injury detail." Students are, of course, going to be supervised whilst watching the episode where we will be focussing on how media language has been used to construct meaning and how this relates to the *Crime Drama* genre.

We are going to start watching the full episode in the last week of this half-term. Before then we will also be watching clips and sections of crime dramas, some of which may have a rating of 15, but the clips will be selected by myself to be age-appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on:
kevin.money@icknield.oxon.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Kevin Money
Head of Media Studies