

## ***Definitions and Conventions***

Throughout this study 'media studies' (lower case) is used as a general term to denote the broad area of media and communications studies and includes all related areas such as journalism, film studies, radio and television studies etc. Where 'Media Studies' refers to a specific course it is capitalised. This is discussed further in Chapter 1, Section 1-5.

Where a term appears italicised in single quotes, for example '*real world*', then this denotes that the term is being cited as a significant element of the discourse under discussion.

Where a term or phrase appears italicised in double quotes, for example "*knowing how to frame a shot*", then this indicates a direct quotation from either a secondary source or a participant response.

Blocks of primary data from the participant responses are presented as indented and single-spaced. Where information has been redacted from the participant quotes it has been replaced with a generic term in angular brackets, for example <university>. Where a participant has used an abbreviation this has been expanded in angular brackets, for example, NSS <National Student Survey>.