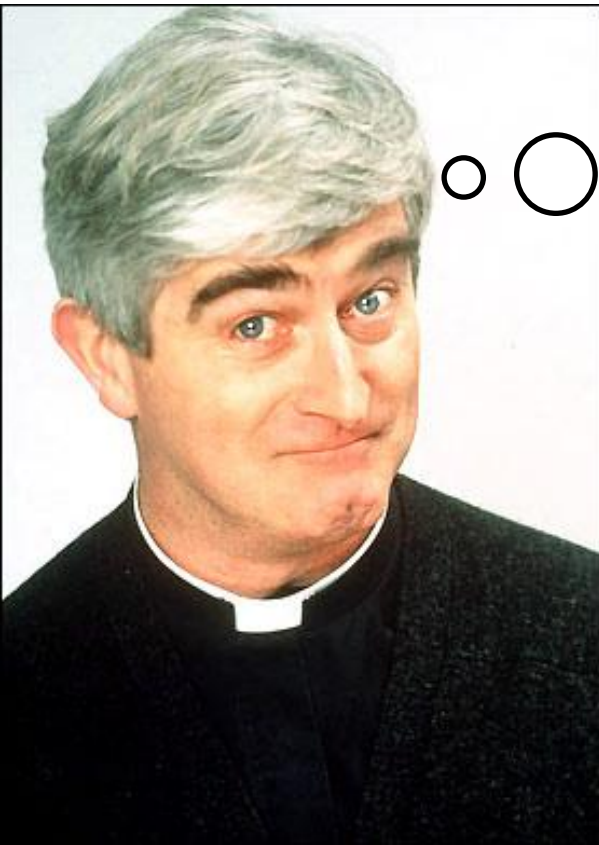


OBJECTIVE:



To watch the programme 'Father Ted' to understand how the media can influence a persons belief in God.

OUTCOMES...

Grade C

All - Will be able to give basic reasons how Father Ted might influence a persons belief in God.

Grade B

Most - Will be able to give detailed reasons how and why Father Ted might influence a persons belief in God.

Grade A-A*

Some - Will be able to evaluate whether Father Ted has influenced their own beliefs about God.

Your **GOALS** for
the end of
this lesson are...



STARTER...

What do we mean by
'THE MEDIA'?

Make a list in the back of
your books of all the
forms of media you can
think of.

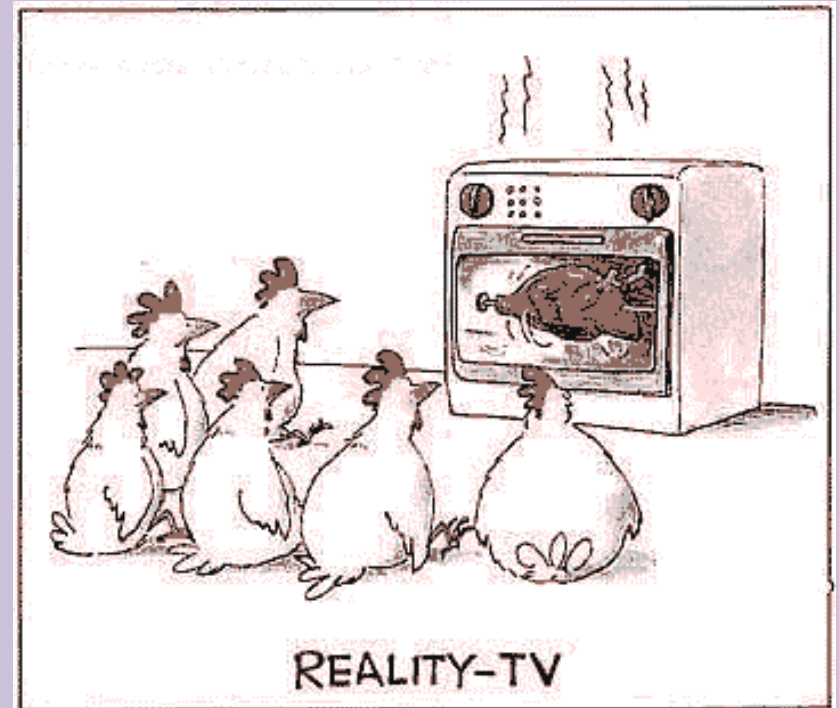
Do you think the
media influences the
way people think?

Explain your answer - try
to include an **EXAMPLE**



The media can have a powerful influence over our lives without us even realising it!

Most people have the radio or TV on at some point every day and the internet now allows people to access the media wherever whenever.



For this bit of the course you need **TWO** examples of media programmes that might affect a person's attitude to belief in God

These can be radio shows, TV shows or films.

Songs of Praise
Vicar of Dibley
Father Ted
Bruce Almighty
The Matrix
Da vinci Code
Soaps
Everyman
The One Show
The Simpsons
Family Guy
Futurama
The Chronicles of Narnia



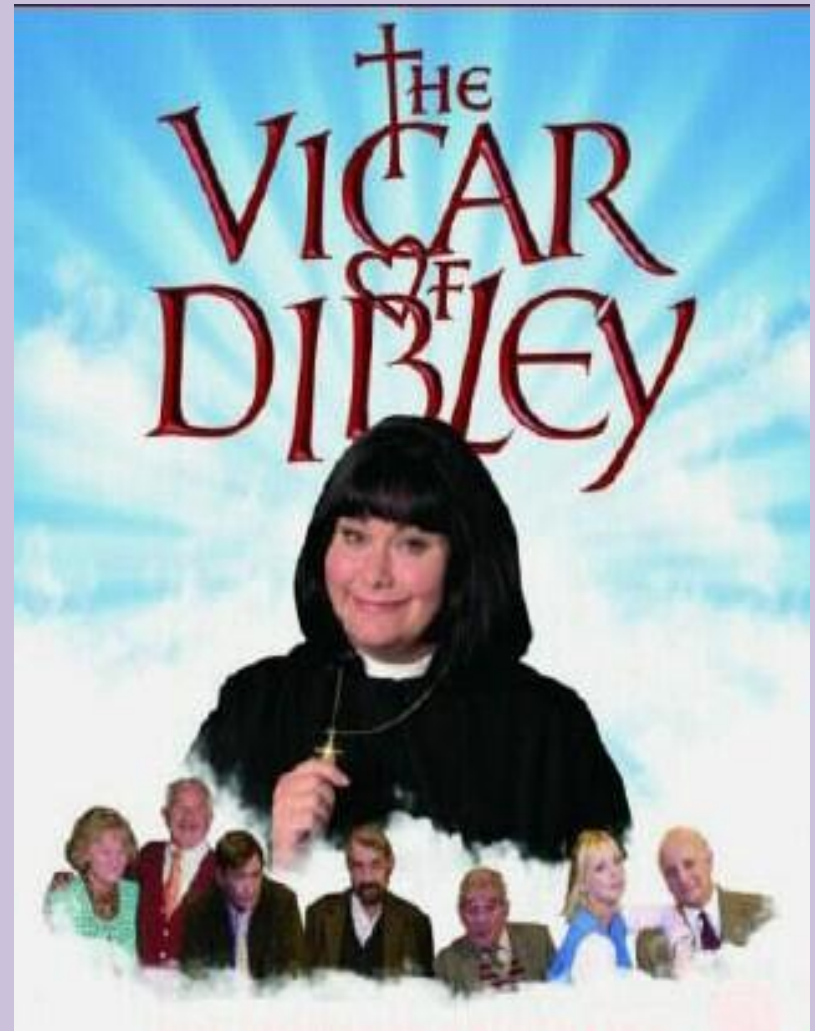
A few programmes are directed at religious believers offering them worship and teaching (e.g. Songs of Praise) - these are usually found on TV in the 'God Slot'.

When do you think the God Slot is?



Shows like - Songs of Praise, The Big Questions, The Heaven and Earth Show, and The Andrew Marr show are shown during this time.

Many more are also of interest to non-believers. These can be comedy shows such as *The Vicar of Dibley* and documentary shows such as *Everyman*.



Other programmes are less obviously connected with religion but could still affect a viewers attitude or belief in God.

Can you think of any examples?

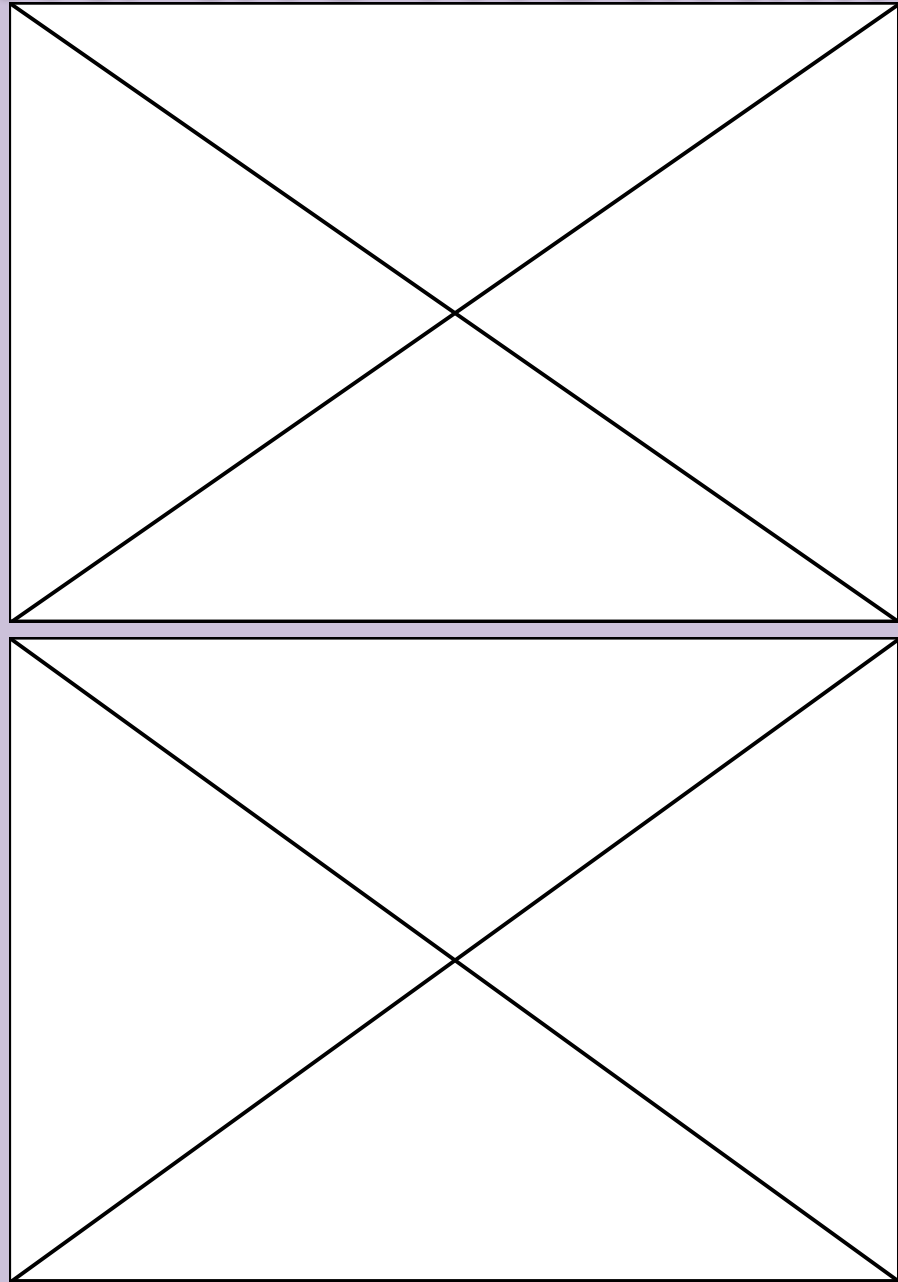
A lot of soaps feature characters who are religious (Dot Cotton) or sometimes have a storyline about religion (The Masoods and their Muslim son revealing he was homosexual)



Religion and the Media...

When it comes to representing religion, some programmes show religious belief as a positive thing to be encouraged - They may show that the belief in God can benefit a person and fulfil their life.

What are the positives and negatives of shows like this?



The Outstanding Award-Winning BBC Comedy Series

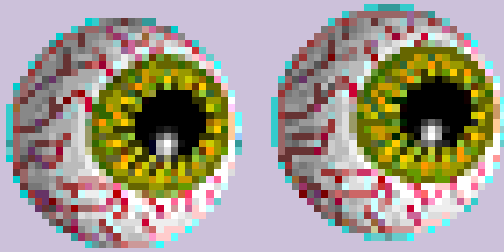
FATHER TED

The Complete Series

The Complete Series



A British sitcom about a small island off the west coast of Ireland. Three priests. One housekeeper. A bunch of nuns - and the most consistently awful weather on the planet. Welcome to the world of Father Ted!



Watch the following episode of Father Ted...

Answer the following questions on your sheet. Remember to include as much detail as possible (**ESPECIALLY EXAMPLES**)...

Outline the programme and episode

(What is Father Ted? What is the episode about?)

How might it encourage some people to believe in God?

(How does Father Ted encourage people to believe in God?)

How might it encourage some people not to believe in God?

(How does Father Ted encourage people not to believe in God?)

Did it affect your belief in God?

(YES/NO? - You must explain **WHY** using **EXAMPLES**)

Have you included enough detail?...

Outline the programme and episode

Programme = Sitcom about 3 Catholic priests living in a remote village in Ireland.

Episode = Father Ted aims to bring justice to a promiscuous milkman who is sleeping with all the women in the village. He gets him fired and Father McGuire (Dougal) takes over.

Have you included enough detail?...

How might it encourage some people to believe in God?

- It shows that religion deals with moral issues appropriately (promiscuity and adultery) - e.g. Pat Mustard the milkman.
- It shows religious people have a strong sense of right and wrong - e.g. Ted confronts Pat Mustard about his promiscuity.
- It shows religious people to be helpful - e.g. Dougal jumps at the chance to help out and become the milkman.
- It shows religious people have a sense of humour and it doesn't always have to be serious - e.g. the whole show presents religious issues in a comical way.
- It shows religious people have a strong sense of community - e.g. Father Ted calls the other priests for help.
- It shows that good can overcome evil - e.g. Pat Mustard get what he deserves and Dougal is not hurt.
- It shows the power of prayer - e.g. the priest pray for Dougal and he escapes unharmed.

Have you included enough detail?...

How might it encourage some people not to believe in God?

- It shows Catholic priests acting inappropriately - e.g. Father Jack swearing
 - It gives the impression that religious people are not very bright - e.g. Father Dougal and his blackboard.
 - It brings up flaws in religious beliefs - e.g. Catholics attitude to contraception.
 - It belittles the work of religious leaders - e.g. Dougal says that he does nothing.
 - It shows religious people as crazy, dangerous drunks - e.g. Father Jack and his brick
- It shows religion as outdated - e.g. they have very outdated views on things like contraception
 - It shows religion to be useless in times of need - e.g. the only thing the priest can do to help dougal is pray and perform Mass.

Plenary...

Do you think programmes about religion can affect your belief in God?

Give two reasons for your point of view.

4marks

Think about what you have looked at in today's lesson.

Make one **POINT** with an **EXAMPLE** that you could use when answering this exam question.

