Year 12 Visual Text Study – *Gattaca*

Key Themes and Ideas

* Genetic engineering is possible, but is it ethical…
* There is no gene for the human spirit
* Triumph of the human spirit / triumph of the will
* Prejudice - ‘Valid’ as opposed to ‘In-Valid’ (invalid)
* Nature versus Nurture (innate ability versus learned skills)
* The dangers of playing God – Technology versus Nature
* Expectations – burden of perfection and surpassing your potential
* Refusal to accept your limitations
* All humans are naturally flawed
* Love can overcome any barriers
* The power of hope – dreams are infectious
* Extreme sacrifice is required in order to achieve your dreams
* Individual rights and individual freedom

