



**RECOMMENDED READING
FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 12
STUDENTS
SEPT 2020**

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Introduction

With the dramatic change of circumstances that we find ourselves in, and the gained time you will now have, we have compiled a list of recommendations for reading to not only help you prepare for your studies in September, but also keep you focused and engaged during such unusual times.

Subject teachers have provided a range of resources we would encourage you to work through from now to September to give you an insight into the courses you have chosen and hopefully give you a head start on developing your knowledge. You will of course only need to complete the work for the courses you have chosen to study in September.



Art

New 'A level Art and Design students' – We look forward to working with you next academic year in the Maplesden Noakes Art & Design Department.

To keep developing your skills over the coming weeks please have a go at the following task – attempt to create three separate artistic outcomes:

- Each outcome should be made by recording from observation (so recording something that you see in front of you, not copying from others images or photos).
- Each should be created using different media (pencil, pen, paint, textiles, digital, clay etc.)
- Each should be using a different technique (for example cross-hatching, line drawing, impasto, collage etc)

You can pick anything you feel comfortable to work from, any materials you like to use, and any techniques that show off your skills, but equally you could challenge yourself to try something new. An example might be - to look at the painting technique of Vincent van Gogh (Post Impressionist) – decide that you might use oil-pastels – then create a self-portrait using a mirror (in his style, with those materials).

Good luck and we look forward to seeing your outcomes at the start of Year 12.

Mr Hedger



Applied Business

This course does not have a textbook available. Students will get the opportunity to purchase revision guides during the course as these come in bulk order from a specialised company.

Students can look into the qualification further online at:

[Link](#)

We recommend reading through business case studies from this website:

- [Link](#)

Recap Business Theory:

- [Link](#)

We have also set a small summer project for all hoping to study Applied Business in September, to reflect on the current circumstances that our economy now finds itself in as a result of COVID-19. Please see the attached details and attempt this over the coming months.

[Applied Business Summer Project](#)

Mrs Noble/Mrs Sullivan



A Level Business Studies

Students hoping to study A Level Business Studies in September can read more about the qualification online at:

[Link](#)

Useful Business Textbooks and Revision Guides:

[Link1](#)

[Link2](#)

We recommend reading through business case studies from this website:

- [Link](#)

Recap Business Theory:

- [Link](#)

We have set a small summer project for all hoping to study A Level Business, to reflect on the current circumstances that our economy now finds itself in as a result of COVID-19. Please see the attached details and attempt this over the coming months.

[A Level Business Summer Project](#)

Mrs Noble/Mrs Sullivan



Applied Science

For students that are hoping to study Applied Science in September, we would recommend you familiarise yourselves with the pages on this link and attempt some of the tasks. The link covers a lot of the initial content for the course:

[Link](#)

Mrs Ridout



Biology

We have attached some ideas for reading, movies and research tasks that would be a great way for you to prepare for your A Level Biology course.

[PiXL Biology Booklet](#)

We would also like to suggest the following book to support your studies (available on Amazon):

- CGP Head Start to A-level Biology ISBN 978 1 78294 279 5

Miss Shute

Chemistry

We have attached some ideas for reading, movies and research tasks that would be a great way for you to prepare for your A Level Chemistry course.

[PIXL Chemistry Booklet](#)

We would also like to suggest the following book to support your studies (available on Amazon):

- CGP Head Start to A-level Chemistry ISBN 978 1 78294 280 1

Mrs Haywood

Criminology

Please see the attached Introduction to Criminology booklet. We recommend you work your way through this at home over the summer, attempting to complete assessments and activities. Within the booklet is a suggested reading/watch list. I would encourage you to select a few of these that you will enjoy as they are all useful resources to draw from within the course.

[Introduction to Criminology Booklet](#)

Miss Gouldsworthy



Dance BTEC

For those students wishing to study BTEC Dance, please see the attached documents below to help you prepare for the start of your course in September. You do not need to print this work, you can complete digitally and bring saved on a USB when you hopefully join the department in September.

[Dance Terminology](#)

[Dance Transition Booklet](#)

[Dance Command Words](#)

Miss Fraser-Thompson

Drama BTEC

For those students wishing to study BTEC Drama, please see the attached documents below to help you prepare for the start of your course in September. You do not need to print this work, you can complete digitally and bring saved on a USB when you hopefully join the department in September.

[Drama Vocab Booklet](#)

[Drama Key Words](#)

[Drama Transition Booklet](#)

Miss Fraser-Thompson

English Literature

To help prepare you for A Level English Literature, we have attached a suggested prose reading list. We recommend selecting a couple of books from this list to enjoy over the summer. We have also attached a PiXL Introduction to English Literature booklet that will help you understand what will be studied during the two year course and provide some useful tips and tasks to aid your transition.

[PiXL Transition to A Level English Literature booklet](#)

[PiXL Transition to A Level English Prose Reading List](#)

Dr Butler



English Literature and Language

To help prepare you for A Level English Literature and Language, we have attached a suggested prose reading list. We recommend selecting a couple of books from this list to enjoy over the summer. We have also attached a PiXL Introduction to English Literature and Language booklet that will help you understand what will be studied during the two year course and provide some useful tips and tasks to aid your transition.

[PiXL Transition to A Level English Lit and Lang](#)

[PiXL Transition to A Level English Prose Reading List](#)

Dr Butler



Film Studies

Please see the attached document and course guide on our website that details a list of what will be studied during A Level Film. I recommend that you watch the films and consider the time and country in which they were made.

[Film Studies document](#)

Mrs Methley Prince



Geography

Please see the attached PiXL booklet that provides a suggested reading list, including useful websites, tasks for research and key terms to learn in preparation for the start of the A Level Geography course.

[PiXL Geography Booklet](#)

Mr Ballard



Graphics

To support your development and preparation for this Graphics course, please see the attached document which outlines key texts to consider purchasing and some tasks to enjoy in your spare time.

[A Level Graphics Reading List](#)

Mr Thompson



Health and Social Care

For those students hoping to study BTEC Health and Social Care, I have attached some useful resources for you to look at. One is a 'passport' to the course, this will give you a great overview of what you will be studying, recommended programmes to watch/books to read and some relevant tasks to prepare you for September. The other is a project that will give you a good indication of the type of coursework you will be completing and help you with your transition to BTEC Health and Social Care.

[Health and Social Care Transition Project](#)

[Health and Social Care Transition Pack](#)

Mrs Jaffray



History

For prospective A Level History students, please see the attached document. This provides an outline of the course, the areas of study and suggested reading to prepare you for success in September. Extending reading outside of the classroom is certainly required on this course.

[Transition to A Level History Booklet](#)



Maths

For A Level Maths, we would recommend you go onto Maths Genie and work through the videos/exams questions for Grades 7-9:

[Link](#)

You can also use MyMaths to work through the GCSE Booster Packs – Grade 6/7 and Grade 8/9 doing as many of the tasks as you can.

Mrs Neeve



Media

Please see the attached document and course guide on our website outlining the Media A Level course and areas of study. I would recommend watching the media links provided and consider the time and country in which they were filmed.

[A Level Media Studies Overview](#)

Mrs Methley Prince

Music

For those wishing to take up Music in September, please see the attached guidance of how you can best prepare for the course over the coming months.

[Music Transition Guidance](#)

Miss Charsley

P.E. A Level

To prepare you for studying A Level P.E. reading should rotate around anatomy and physiology, history of sport and psychology of sport. Youtube – James Morris and the online AQA A Level PE book are a good place for you to start your research and make notes.

Please also see the attached tasks to complete:

[A Level PE Transition Task](#)

Miss Bennett



Performing Arts BTEC

For those students wishing to study BTEC Performing Arts, please see the attached documents below to help you prepare for the start of your course in September. You do not need to print this work, you can complete digitally and bring saved on a USB when you hopefully join the department in September.

[Performing Arts Transition Booklet](#)

[Performing Arts Command Words](#)

[Performing Arts Dance Terminology](#)

[Performing Arts Drama Vocab](#)

Miss Fraser-Thompson

Personal Finance

Prospective Personal Finance students will be provided with course textbooks by the exam board as finance is ever changing. In the meantime, you could keep an eye on the finance news and look at the impact on the economy due to COVID-19. A useful website for research is

[Link](#)

You can also use the resources in the document below to conduct some wider reading around the current financial sector.

[Personal Finance Research Resources](#)

Mrs Noble/Mrs Sullivan

Philosophy

Please see the suggested reading below to support your progression to A Level Philosophy:

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins

The Puzzle of God by Peter Vardy

The Puzzle of Christianity by Peter Vardy

The Puzzle of Ethics by Peter Vardy

Miss Hillier

Photography

This free online Photography Course attached below would be a great way to introduce you to the subject and will provide an interactive way to learn.

[Link](#)

I would also like to encourage you to take your own photographs inspired by the course to bring with you in September.

Mr Hedger



Public Services

Please refer to the attached document that details how to prepare for the course, a small summer project and useful websites for research.

[Public Services Transition Work](#)

Mr Hamer

Psychology

Please see the attached Introduction to Psychology booklet and suggested reading list. We recommend you work your way through this at home over the summer, attempting to complete assessments and activities within. I would encourage you to select a few items from the reading/watch list to enjoy over the summer as they are all useful resources to draw from within the A Level Psychology course.

[Introduction to Psychology Booklet](#)

[Psychology Reading List](#)

Miss Gouldsworthy

Sociology

Please see the attached Introduction to Sociology booklet that we use at the beginning of the term. This is a great way to familiarise yourself with the content of A Level Sociology. I would recommend working your way through this and completing as many of the tasks as possible. I would also suggest selecting a couple of books and documentaries from the reading/watch list on p5/6 to enjoy over the summer.

[Introduction to Sociology Booklet](#)

Mrs Okocha

Sport BTEC

To prepare you for studying BTEC Sport, reading should rotate around anatomy and physiology, history of sport and psychology of sport. I have attached an Introduction to BTEC Sport and I would recommend you start working your way through this booklet. The BBC Bitesize website and BTEC Sport Level 3 online book will be really useful to help you with this.

At the end of the booklet is a list of suggested wider reading/relevant programmes to watch. To support your knowledge, we would encourage you to select a few of these to enjoy over the summer.

[Introduction to BTEC Sport Booklet](#)

Miss Bennett