



Year 11 Transition: Wider Reading 2023/2024

Below is a list of texts and links that your Sixth Form teachers have recommended to stimulate your interest in the subjects you will be studying in Year 12 and 13. They have been chosen to broaden your understanding of the subject and help you stand out at interview or on an application for university or an apprenticeship.

We have also included some more general links to websites you will find useful too such as UCAS, TedTalks and FutureLearn.

Subject	Recommendations
Art/Photography	<p>Books Creative Block by Danielle Krysa</p> <p>Websites Student Art Guide www.studentartguide.com Pinterest www.pinterest.com The British Museum www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk</p>
Biology	<p>Books The Selfish Gene or The Ancestor's Tale by Richard Dawkins The Origin of Life and The Future of Life by Adam Rutherford The Origin of Species by Charles Darwin</p> <p>Websites https://www.khanacademy.org - Useful lessons and explanations http://nobelprize.org - Details of the history of the best scientific discoveries http://nature.com - The site of the scientific journal http://royalsociety.org - Podcasts, news and interviews with scientists about recent scientific developments http://www.bmj.com - The website of the British Medical Journal http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment - The BBC news page for Science and the Environment</p>
Business	<p>Self Made: The definitive guide to business start up success, by Byron Cole Tycoon, by Peter Jones</p> <p>Websites www.businesscasestudies.co.uk Freakonomics Podcast www.bbc.co.uk/news/business</p>
Chemistry	<p>Books The Poisoner's Handbook by Deborah Blum Obsessive Genius by Barbara Goldsmith</p> <p>Websites Periodic Table of Videos by Martyn Poliakoff - YouTube Channel Institution of Chemical Engineers - www.icheme.org www.chemguide.co.uk</p>

Criminology	<p>Books Law and Order: An Honest Citizen's Guide to Crime Control by R Reiner</p> <p>Websites https://www.college.police.uk/Pages/Home.aspx - The government website The College of Policing</p>
English Language	<p>Books An Informal History of American English by Bill Bryson A Little Book of Language by David Crystal</p> <p>Websites www.myenglishgrammar.com Brush on your terminology https://www.ocr.org.uk The exam board site - find the relevant glossary of key terms and theories http://www.aqa.org.uk - Also have a really good glossary for A Level English Language</p>
English Literature	<p>Books Passion by Jude Morgan Giving up the Ghost by Hilary Mantel Super Sad True Love Story by Gary Shteyngart</p> <p>Websites http://www.aqa.org.uk - The exam board site https://www.theguardian.com/books www.themanbookerprize.com</p>
Film Studies	<p>Books WJEC Film Eduqas Studies for A Level and AS by Cheshire, Wardle, Ramey and Stewart Quentin Tarantino: the iconic filmmaker and his work by Ian Nathan</p> <p>Websites</p>
Geography	<p>Books Prisoners of Geography by Tom Marshall The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga</p> <p>Websites http://www.georesources.co.uk/indexalevel.htm http://www.geography.org.uk/resources http://www.nationalgeographic.com/</p>
German	<p>Books Der Besuch der alten Dame by Friedrich Duerrenmatt</p> <p>Websites https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html</p>
History	<p>Books America, Empire of Liberty: A New History Paperback by DR David Reynolds History of the United States by Harold Zinn The History of the United States: A Captivating Guide to American History</p>

	<p>by Captivating History The Reformation: A Very Short Introduction by Peter Marshall Introduction to Tudor England, 1485-1603 by Angela Anderson and Tony Imperato</p> <p>Websites https://www.history.org.uk/student/info/1868</p>
IT	<p>Books Code: The Hidden Language of Computer Hardware and Software by Charles Petzold Computational Fairy Tales by Jeremy Kubica</p> <p>Websites</p>
Maths	<p>Books A Certain Ambiguity by Gaurav Suri Flatland by Edwin A. Abbot</p> <p>Websites https://www.khanacademy.org/ http://mathsbank.co.uk/ www.mymaths.co.uk</p>
Media	<p>Books Media Theory for A Level: The essential revision guide by Mark Dixon</p> <p>Websites</p>
Performing Arts Music/ Dance and Drama	<p>Books How Music Works: A listener's guide to harmony, keys, broken chords, perfect pitch and the secrets of a good tune by John Powell</p> <p>Websites</p>
Physics	<p>Books How to Build a Universe by Brian Cox, Robin Ince and Alexandra Feachum Storm in a Teacup by Helen Czerski</p> <p>Websites https://www.khanacademy.org/</p>
Psychology	<p>Books Freud for Beginners by Richard Appignanesi and Oscar Zarate Psychology: A Very Short Introduction by Gillian Butler and Freda McManus</p> <p>Websites The British Psychological Society (BPS): http://www.bps.org.uk Psychology Today https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb</p>
Sociology	<p>Books Homo Deus by Yuval Noah Harari</p> <p>Websites</p>

	http://www.sociology.org.uk/
Spanish	<p>Books Fire in the Blood: The New Spain by Ian Gibson. Novels and short stories by writers such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez.</p> <p>Websites http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/tv/ https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/index.html</p>
Sport	<p>Books Bounce: The Myth of Talent and The Power of Practice by Matthew Syed</p> <p>Websites www.sportengland.org</p>

General Resources you may find useful:

ASK - Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge - where you should start for information and guidance about apprenticeships
<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

UCAS - The Universities Colleges and Admissions Service - where you should start for all your information and guidance about applying to university
<https://www.ucas.com/>

Student Ladder - Support and guidance for students as they define their career path including: work experience, internships, apprenticeships and university courses.
<https://www.studentladder.co.uk/>

EdX - allows access to over 2500 free online courses
<http://www.edx.org/>

Staircase12 - an online hub of resources for students thinking of applying to top universities
<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/applying-to-univ/staircase12/>

Ted Talks - short informative and eye-opening talks to stir your curiosity
<https://www.ted.com/talks>

MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) - huge range of online (short) courses usually hosted by universities that you can take and get accreditation for in a wide range of topics.
<https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Some universities host them on their own websites too - they often call them OOCs

Youtube Learning - the section of Youtube that is all about learning
<https://www.youtube.com/learning>

Newspapers - Read the newspapers. Stay on top and informed about what is going on around you. Recommended newspapers are: The Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph. Think about how you can link current stories to your studies. Examiners love when students are able to exhibit a more holistic view of the subject.