

# Reading List for A Levels

## Biology

### Websites

- <http://www.ibiblio.org/virtualcell/index.htm> – An interactive cell biology site
- <http://www.accessexcellence.org/RC/VL/GG> – A web site showing illustrations of many processes of biotechnology
- <http://www.uq.oz.au/nanoworld> – Visit the world of electron-microscopy
- <http://www.dnai.org/a/index.html> – Explore the genetic code
- <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.nhm.ac.uk> – The London Natural History Museum's website with lots of interesting educational material
- <http://www.bmj.com> – The website of the British Medical Journal
- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science\\_and\\_environment](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment) - The BBC news page for Science and the Environment
- <https://bigpictureeducation.com/> A magazine style website covering key areas of interest to A level Biologists

### Books

Richard Dawkins:

The Selfish Gene: The Blind Watchmaker: Unweaving the Rainbow: Climbing Mount Improbable: The Ancestor's Tale

Steve Jones:

Y, The Descent of Man in the blood: God, Genes and Destiny: Almost like a Whale: The 'Origin of Species' Updated the Language of the genes

Matt Ridley:

Genome: The Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature The Language of Genes Francis Crick: Discoverer of the Genetic Code Nature Via Nurture: Genes, Experience and What Makes Us Human

James Watson:

DNA: The Secret of Life The Double Helix: Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA

Lewis Thomas:

The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher. The Medusa and the Snail: More Notes of a Biology Watcher Barry Gibb: The Rough Guide to the Brain (Rough Guides Reference Titles)

Charles Darwin:

The Origin of Species

Armand Marie Leroi:

Mutants: On the Form, Varieties and Errors of the Human Body

David S Goodsell:

The Machinery of Life

Ernst Mayr:

This is Biology: The Science of the Living World

George C Williams:

Plan and Purpose in Nature

Steve Pinker:

The Language Instinct

Edward O Wilson:

The Diversity of Life

Primo Levi:

The Periodic Table

Richard Leaky:

The Origin of Humankind

Billy Bryson:

A Short History of Nearly Everything

Rebecca Skloot:

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Ben Goldacre:

Bad Science

## **Business Studies**

### **Essential textbook**

For the start of the course you will need to get a text book, currently this is Business 1 by Wolinski & Coates, you are expected to use this to supplement notes and for help in completing homework. This will help support your work in Year 12.

A second textbook will be needed to support the second year of the A level course, this is currently Business 2 by Wolinski & Coates.

### **Up to date reading**

Regular coverage of Business issues appears in broadsheet newspapers such as The Times, The Independent, Financial Times and The Guardian. The Sunday Times has a Business supplement that can be very useful as a weekly overview of current business news, with many articles that link to topics covered in the course.

The BBC News website is also an excellent source of relevant contemporary articles that can be found by searching via specific topics. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business>

[www.tutor2u](http://www.tutor2u) is very good at selecting relevant business news articles and linking it to topic areas of the course.

### **Business Blogs**

The Business Blogs Hub, <https://www.businessblogshub.com/>, is excellent for shorter reading on a huge range of business topics such as recruitment, empowering employees, improving productivity, managing finances and even how to start your own small business. Just search a topic you are interested in.

### **Wider Reading**

Management in Ten Words by Terry Leahy

In his fourteen years as CEO of Tesco, Sir Terry Leahy not only turned the company into the largest supermarket chain in the UK but also transformed it into a global enterprise. As a result, Sir Terry is now one of the world's most admired business leaders, widely acclaimed for his drive, flair and no-nonsense approach.

The Upstarts by Brad Stone

How Uber, Airbnb, and the killer companies of the new silicon valley are changing the world.

Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of NIKE by Phil Knight

In 1962, fresh out of business school, Phil Knight borrowed \$50 from his father and created a company with a simple mission: import high-quality, low-cost athletic shoes from Japan.

Selling the shoes from the boot of his Plymouth, Knight grossed \$8000 in his first year.

Today, Nike's annual sales top \$30 billion. In an age of start-ups, Nike is the *ne plus ultra* of

all start-ups, and the swoosh has become a revolutionary, globe-spanning icon, one of the most ubiquitous and recognisable symbols in the world today.

### **Documentaries and TV programmes**

TV programmes such as Panorama, Working Lunch, Watch Dog and the Money Programme often feature business related material as do daily news programmes.

Documentaries are regularly shown that are based on businesses or industries, in particular focusing on their success or the problems they encounter. Typical examples would be Tesco and Poundland.

### **Websites**

tutor2u and business studies on line are useful websites to use as independent study to support learning in the classroom., The website addresses are [www.tutor2u.net](http://www.tutor2u.net) and [www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk](http://www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk).

Sign up to the daily digest at Tutor2U and receive emails providing you with vital material to support your learning in this subject. Receive the latest revision videos, quick quizzes to check your knowledge and understanding, and keep up to date with the latest business news through the emailed articles. Register your email address now at <http://www.tutor2u.net/dailydigest>

Youtube channel: 'Taking the biz' useful topic revision videos and very good exam technique short videos.

Senecalearning.com for revision.

### **Useful revision guides**

GCP Revision Guide: A Level Business AQA

Tutor2u models revision cards

Tutor2u Knowledge Booklet

Tutor2u Numeracy booklet

## Economics

### Essential Reading

At the beginning of the course you will be supplied with a text book, currently this is **Economics by Ray Powell and James Powell**, you are expected to use this to supplement notes and for help in completing homework.

A very useful book to have in addition to your textbook is The Penguin Dictionary of Economics by G Bannock et al.

### Up to date reading & watching

Regular coverage of economic issues appears in serious newspapers such as The Times and Sunday Times, The Independent, Financial Times, The Guardian, and of course The Economist. The BBC News website is also an excellent source of relevant contemporary articles. The A Level magazines Economic Review and Economics Today always have up to date articles and analysis of topics as well as exam tips and study skills. Finally, TV programmes such as Panorama or the Money Programme often feature economic related material as do daily news programmes.

### Other textbooks you may wish to consult include:

Lipsey, R First Principles of Economics  
Maunder, P etc Economics Explained  
Grant, S J Stanlake's Introductory Economics

### More advanced texts...

Begg, D etc Economics,  
Sloman, John Economics

### Useful revision guides...

Powell, R Letts A Level Economics Study Guide  
Geoff Riley, James Keefe The Revision Guide to AS and A2 Level Economics  
Henry Hazlitt Economics in One Lesson – The Shortest and Surest Way to Understand Economics

### Websites

[www.tutor2u.com](http://www.tutor2u.com), [www.economicsonline.co.uk](http://www.economicsonline.co.uk), [www.economicshelp.org](http://www.economicshelp.org), are free one stop economics information gateways for students and teachers. In particular, they contain a considerable amount of economic data relating to a large number of countries as well as extensive theory and revision notes.

### Other Useful Websites

The following websites are excellent for up to date articles and economic data.  
BBC - [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)  
UK Treasury - [www.hm.treasury.gov.uk](http://www.hm.treasury.gov.uk)  
The Bank of England - [www.bankofengland.co.uk](http://www.bankofengland.co.uk)  
The Office for National Statistics - [www.ons.gov.uk/welcome.htm](http://www.ons.gov.uk/welcome.htm)

### **General reading**

There are a number of interesting books that are written in more layman's terms to relate economics to everyday life. All of these books are relatively new, witty and provide excellent overall background knowledge.

Todd G. Buchholz *New Ideas from Dead Economists: An Introduction to Modern Economic Thought*

Tim Harford, *The Undercover Economist* (See also [www.timharford.com](http://www.timharford.com))

Steven D. Levitt *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*

Steven D. Levitt *SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance*

John Kay *Everlasting Light Bulbs: How Economics Illuminates the World*

Charles Wheelan *Naked Economics - Undressing the Dismal Science*

Stephen E. Landsburg *The Armchair Economist: Economics and Everyday Life*

David Smith *Free Lunch*

Diane Coyle *The Soulful Science: What Economists Really Do & Why It Matters*

### **Further reading, only for the hardcore budding economist...**

John Maynard Keynes, *The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*

Adam Smith, *Wealth of Nations*

Alfred Marshall, *Principles of Economics*

Karl Marx, *Das Kapital*

Sunstein & Thaler, *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth and Happiness*

## **English Literature**

What follows is a list of books to enrich your study of our course, but regular reading of any sort is nothing but a good thing. Use these as an opportunity to bring extended ideas to the class.

### **Chaucer**

Terry Jones, *Medieval Lives*

Ian Mortimer, *The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England*

Liza Picard, *Chaucer's People: Everyday Lives in Medieval England*

### **Shakespeare**

Bill Bryson, *Shakespeare: The World as a Stage*

Michael Pennington, *Hamlet: A User's Guide*

James Shapiro, *1599: A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare*

### **American Literature**

William Faulkner, *Light in August*

Anita Loos, *Gentleman Prefer Blondes*

John Steinbeck, *Of Mice and Men*

Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

John Dos Passos, *USA Trilogy*

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Edith Wharton, *Ethan Frome*

The Norton Anthology of American Literature 1865-1914

The Norton Anthology of American Literature 1914-1945

### **Very Short Introductions**

Stephen Aron, *The American West: A Very Short Introduction*

Elijah Wald, *The Blues: A Very Short Introduction*

David Wallace, *Chaucer: A Very Short Introduction*

Susan Ware, *American Women's History: A Very Short Introduction*

Stanley Wells, *Shakespeare's Tragedies: A Very Short Introduction*

## French

### Reading List/preparation ideas (Summer before yr.12)

- Use the '**Languages online**' website to practise various grammar points (particularly present, perfect, imperfect and future tenses) until you feel confident using them.
- Buy the BBC grammar book – you can also use this to familiarise yourself with the tenses and other key grammar points and will be a good reference throughout the course.
- Listen to French in order to tune your ear into the language – watch **youtube** clips about topics you find interesting and watch <https://fr.news.yahoo.com/monde/> for 3 minute news clips in French.
- If you use Facebook join mfl clips with audio & subtitles and watch the French clips
- Follow this link to access free Open University courses in French. There are 5 intermediate courses available and you'll get a certificate of completion at the end. <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>
- Research the French speaking countries –how many are there and where are they?
- Research some Francophone bands and try to form an opinion about them. You could try '**Noir Désir**' or '**Stromae**'.
- Find out about the cultural heritage in the French speaking countries. What are the most popular tourist destinations in France? You could start with the famous tourist sights of Paris (la Tour Eiffel, Le Louvre, le Palais de Versailles)
- Watch some French films with English subtitles - there are lots on Netflix (Bad Seeds, The Climb, We Are Family) and Amazon Prime (La famille Bélier, Little White Lies). Other good classic film suggestions are 'Les Intouchables', 'Jean de Florette' and 'Manon des Sources' 'La Vie en Rose' 'Amélie'.
- There are also lots of great series on Netflix (Call my agent, Le Chalet) and on More 4 (The Other Mother) – you could even try watching with French subtitles rather than English

### Reading List/study support (Year 12 and 13)

- Keep up-to-date with grammar by practising using a grammar book (BBC grammar book recommended) or by using the '**Languages Online**' website.
- Download the '**memrise**' App and consistently update your lists with relevant vocabulary from lessons.
- Watch or read French News using some of the following website:  
[www.euronews.net](http://www.euronews.net) Select language 'français' and then choose from a wide variety of News videos.  
<https://fr.news.yahoo.com/monde/> Follow the link to Video Actualites for three-minute
- If you use Facebook join mfl clips with audio & subtitles and watch the French clips news clips
- Follow this link to access free Open University courses in French. There are some intermediate and advanced courses available and you'll get a certificate of completion at the end.  
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

- Keep up with light hearted celebrity gossip by browsing the following websites <https://fr.news.yahoo.com/people/> and <http://www.parismatch.com/>
- Follow this link for interesting French articles, tv programmes and news [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/news](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/news) Here you can read and listen to relevant material surrounding the topics you are studying
- Watch some French films with French subtitles - there are lots on Netflix (Bad Seeds, The Climb, We Are Family) and Amazon Prime (La famille Bélier, Little White Lies). Other good classic film suggestions are 'Les Intouchables', 'Jean de Florette' and 'Manon des Sources' 'La Vie en Rose' 'Amélie'.
- There are also lots of great series on Netflix (Call my agent, Le Chalet) and on More 4 (The Other Mother) remember to watch with French subtitles rather than English
- Find out as much as possible about the multicultural aspects of France particularly in the '**banlieues**' such as Clichy sous Bois.
- Research an aspect of French history that interests you such as the German Occupation of France during the Second World War or the events of May 68 or the French Revolution so as to broaden your cultural knowledge of France
- Keep familiarising yourself with the film '**La Haine**'.
- Choose a book to read in French: this could be a book that's familiar to you in English such as Harry Potter in French as this would help with content.

## **Geography**

None of the texts and DVDs below are compulsory but reading or watching some of them will give you useful background information that will relate to some of the topics you will be studying over the next year.

### **Textbooks**

- Hodder: 'Edexcel A Level Geography: Book 1', ISBN 9781471856549, RRP £25.99
- Pearson: 'Edexcel GCE Geography AS Level book 1', ISBN 9781292139623, RRP £26.99

### **Books**

#### **Human Geography**

- Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall
- FactFullness by Hans Rosling
- The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman
- The Lexus and the Olive Tree by Thomas Friedman
- Dead Aid by Dambisa Moyo
- The Almighty Dollar by Dharshini David
- 50 things that made the modern economy by Tim Harford
- Inequality and the 1% by Danny Dorling
- Population 9 Billion by Danny Dorling
- Divided: Why We're Living in an Age of Walls by Tim Marshall

#### **Physical Geography**

- Plate Tectonics Stewart, Iain (22 March 2018).
- Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth by James Lovelock
- Coastal Systems by Simon Haslett
- The Holocene: An Environmental History by Neil Roberts
- Living Earth: Outline of the Geology of Iceland by Ari Trausti Guðmundsson
- Eruptions that shook the world by Clive Oppenheimer,
- Let There Be Water : Israel's Solution for a Water-Starved World by Sth M. Siegel
- The shock of the Anthropocene by Christophe Bonneuil and Fressoz

### **DVDs**

- Earth Story DVD
- Earth Power of the Planet DVD
- How Earth made us DVD
- Megacities DVD
- Rise of the continents DVD
- An Inconvenient Truth DVD
- Before the Flood DVD

### **Magazines**

- The Economist

- Geography Review
- Geographical
- National Geographic

### **Extra A':Level Geography wider reading/audio/visual learning**

#### **Seneca Learn for course content:**

Use Seneca Learn to further develop course content for the Edexcel A'Level Geography course that we follow.

<https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/e863f76a-c037-441e-b405-96c1e8649284/section/5f8a85bb-c1a6-42a9-8cab-cf942ddeaf78/session>

#### **Physical Geography/Tectonics Audio Visuals**

The earth Story series will give you a REALLY GOOD grounding in basic tectonics and geology. You will watch a few clips in class but there really is no substitute for watching the whole series.

Earth Story Disc 1 link to our media server:

<https://drive.google.com/a/beechncliff.org.uk/file/d/1VzV1IJEfhE15SvSCc8OvV9FUVExWLPmG/view?usp=sharing>

Earth Story Disc 2 link to our media server:

[https://drive.google.com/a/beechncliff.org.uk/file/d/1Z89p-7d\\_n\\_Ha0J4bAL2OIIcXblXhIyZc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/a/beechncliff.org.uk/file/d/1Z89p-7d_n_Ha0J4bAL2OIIcXblXhIyZc/view?usp=sharing)

#### **Human Geography Audio Visuals**

In class you will learn about the annexation of Crimea by Russia. This documentary from the Simon Reeves and the BBC develops this somewhat and makes for fascinating viewing. The third and final leg of Simon's Russian journey takes him from the illegally annexed peninsula of Crimea to the historic Baltic city of St Petersburg. Crimea is part of neighbouring Ukraine but was annexed by Russia in 2014. President Putin's government is investing heavily in the illegally occupied territory - building a huge bridge linking Crimea to Russia.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b099127q/russia-with-simon-reeve-series-1-episode-3>

2. We recommend you read 'Prisoners of Geography' by Tim Marshall. This is Tim Marshall discussing the book on the radio:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07sm1bd>

3. There's some great material here about globalisation and what coronavirus means for it in the future. Pick and choose:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=globalisation>

### **Wider Reading online or in subscription form**

There are a whole host of Geographical magazines and journals that you can read online or take out a subscription for and have them delivered through your door. Do some research and have a look at the following:

**Geographical - The official Magazine of the Royal Geographical Society.** View articles for free online or take out a subscription.

<https://geographical.co.uk/>

**Geography Review: Aimed at A Level Geography students.** You can take out an online or paper subscription. You can take out a FREE 7 day trial of the online version so essentially you can read the latest copy for free!

<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/16-18/Geography-review-emagazine-volume-33,-2019-20>

**National Geographic Energy Resource Library:** The National Geographic website and magazine are too varied to be helpful really but this fantastic website of theirs is a collation of all of their 'Energy' related stories. Have a rummage.

[https://www.nationalgeographic.org/topics/energy/?q=&page=1&per\\_page=25](https://www.nationalgeographic.org/topics/energy/?q=&page=1&per_page=25)

**Geography** is the Geographical Association's international journal for lecturers, teachers and students in post-16 geography.

<https://www.geography.org.uk/Journals/Geography>

### **Ted Talks - All with a Geography theme**

TED talks are a great source of Geographical learning. In Oct 2018 the Geographical Magazine collated 8 of the best:

<https://geographical.co.uk/reviews/films/item/2977-ted-talks>

Another good one from Hans Rosling AKA 'The Swede'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm5xF-UYgdg>

And finally one by Danny Dorling, my old University Lecturer at the University of Sheffield who is now a Professor of Geography at the University of Oxford. What does the world look like when you map it using data? Social geographer Danny Dorling invites us to see the world anew, with his captivating and insightful maps that show Earth as it truly is -- a connected, ever-changing and fascinating place in which we all belong. You'll never look at a map the same way again.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/danny\\_dorling\\_maps\\_that\\_show\\_us\\_who\\_we\\_are\\_not\\_just\\_who\\_we\\_are](https://www.ted.com/talks/danny_dorling_maps_that_show_us_who_we_are_not_just_who_we_are)



## German

### Reading List/preparation ideas (Summer before yr.12)

- Buy the BBC grammar book and familiarise yourself with the tenses and other key grammar points including the basic word order rules. This will be a good reference throughout the course.
- Use the '**Languages online**' website to practise various grammar points (particularly present, perfect, imperfect and future tenses) until you feel confident using them.
- Listen to German in order to tune your ear into the language – watch **youtube** clips about topics you find interesting and watch **Tivi Logo**, the German equivalent of Newsround.
- The youtube channel called Easy German is a fantastic resource for all sorts of different topics, cultural awareness, attitudes of the Germans towards many different areas and plenty of historical interest.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbxb2fqe9oNggIAoYqsYOtQ>
- Research the history of Berlin using books from the library or the Internet because this will arm you with plenty of knowledge to help with the film we study and the 'Berlin' topic we cover.
- Research some German, Austrian or Swiss bands and try to form an opinion about them. You could try '**Rammstein**' or '**Silbermond**'. Traditional German folk music might also be of interest.
- Find out a little bit about the main festivals and traditions in the German speaking countries...you could start with the '**Oktoberfest**' and move on to '**Karneval**' which is a big deal in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- Watch '**Goodbye Lenin**' – an excellent film looking at reunification from a different perspective.

### Reading List/study support (Year 12)

- Keep up-to-date with grammar by practising using the BBC grammar book recommended or by using the '**Languages Online**' website.
- Download the '**memrise**' App and consistently update your lists with relevant vocabulary from lessons.
- Use the '**Goethe Institute**' website to research current topics and themes to support lesson material.
- Go to **Planet Wissen**, **ZDF Mediathek** or **Deutsche Welle** on the Internet to read and listen to relevant material surrounding the topic you are studying and to keep up with the latest news.
- Watch or read German News using the following website:  
[www.euronews.net](http://www.euronews.net) Select language 'deutsch' and then choose from a wide variety of News videos.

- As recommended above, the youtube channel called Easy German is a fantastic resource for all sorts of different topics, cultural awareness, attitudes of the Germans towards many different areas and plenty of historical interest.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbxb2fqe9oNgglAoYqsYOtQ>
- Find out as much as possible about the multicultural aspects of Berlin particularly in the **Kreuzberg** area.
- Keep familiarising yourself with the film '**Das Leben der Anderen**'. You can buy the study guide and get to grips with some of the main themes we will be studying.
- Choose a book to read in German: this could be a book that's familiar to you in English as this would help with content.

## Law

Listed below are a number of books and websites that Law students may find useful or interesting to read either before or during their A Level studies.

### Legal Books:

Barnard, O'Sullivan and Virgo, *What about Law?*

Bingham, *The Rule of Law*

Bradney A and others, *How to Study Law*

Lord Denning, *Landmarks in the Law*

Grant T, *Jeremy Hutchinson's Case Histories*

Heinrichs J, *Winning Arguments*

Hutchinson A, *Is Eating People Wrong? Great Legal Cases and How They Shaped The World*

Kennedy H, *Eve Was Framed*

McBride N, *Letters to a Law Student*

Robertson G, *The Justice Game*

Slapper G, *How Law Works*

Smith and Bailey, *Modern English Legal System*

The Secret Barrister, *The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How it's Broken*

### Fiction Books:

Archer J, *A Prisoner of Birth*

Cavanagh S, *Thirteen*

Lee H, *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Dickens, *Bleak House*

White N, *Next To Die*

### Legal News Updates:

Counsel Magazine – [www.counselmagazine.co.uk](http://www.counselmagazine.co.uk)

The Guardian's 'Law' section – [www.theguardian.com/law](http://www.theguardian.com/law)

Law Society – [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

Other Useful Webpages:

ACAS – [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

British and Irish Legal Information Institute – [www.bailii.org](http://www.bailii.org)

Crown Prosecution Service – [www.cps.gov.uk](http://www.cps.gov.uk)

Each Other (Human Rights website) – [www.eachother.org.uk](http://www.eachother.org.uk)

Law Commission – [www.lawcom.gov.uk](http://www.lawcom.gov.uk)

Law and Policy Blog – [www.davidallengreen.com](http://www.davidallengreen.com)

Law website including lecture notes for A Level – [www.e-lawstudent.com](http://www.e-lawstudent.com)

Parliament – [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

Supreme Court Blog – [www.ukscblog.com](http://www.ukscblog.com)

Podcasts:

Rights Up (iTunes)

The Law in Action (BBC Sounds)

Unreliable Evidence (Radio 4, BBC Sounds)

## Physical Education

### Essential Textbook:

For the approved AQA textbook, students have two options:

1. *AQA A-level PE (Year 1 and Year 2) - Carl Atherton, Ross Howitt, Sue Young (2019) - Hodder Education.* This latest book combines the content for both Year 1 and Year 2 study, and will be used as the main reference throughout the course for classwork and homework.
1. *AQA A-level PE Year 1 - Carl Atherton, Ross Howitt, Sue Young (2016) - Hodder Education* and *AQA A-level PE Year 2 - Carl Atherton, Symond Burrows, Ross Howitt, Sue Young (2018) - Hodder Education.* With the recent publication of the combined textbook it might be possible to purchase both books separately but at a reduced cost. Second hand options might also be available. By purchasing both copies will ensure that students have the same content as buying the book previously mentioned.

### Up to Date Reading:

Regular coverage of sporting issues appears in broadsheet newspapers such as The Times, The Independent and The Guardian. The BBC News website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport>) is also an excellent source of relevant contemporary articles that can be found by searching via specific topics.

The Sky Sports News app is also a useful tool to download onto your phone, so you can keep up to date with the 'Top Stories'.

By following [@SportBeechen](#) on Twitter you will find regular news feeds and articles on topics relating to the course content.

### Wider Reading:

**PE Review Magazine** - Either available via a student subscription or available to borrow from the Physical Education Department, PE Review features articles written by examiners and approved authors and relates directly to topics covered by the examination boards. <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/sport-pe/products/16-18/pe-review-magazine-volume-15,-2019-20>

**Bounce** - Matthew Syed 2010, Fourth Estate.

### Documentaries and TV Programmes:

TV programmes such as:

Panorama: The Truth About Sports Products (BBC)

Panorama: Catch Me If You Can (BBC)

The Program (Amazon Prime)

Andy Murray - Resurfacing (Amazon Prime)

The Real Football Factories International (Amazon Prime)  
Building Jerusalem (Amazon Prime)

Barca Dreams (Netflix)  
Undefeated (Netflix)  
Icarus (Netflix)  
Friday Night Lights (Netflix)  
The Carter Effect (Netflix)  
The Game Changers (Netflix)

**Websites:**

Youtube hosts an extensive range of videos and presentations. In particular, look for videos created by:

**James Morris** - a PE teacher who has created many short presentations relating to course content.

**MyPEexam** - Despite now having to purchase an account through 'The Everlearner', some of James Simms early presentations are still available to use. Again, these cover many different topics within the course.

**Useful Revision Guides:**

**My Revision Notes - AQA A-level PE** - Sue Young, Symond Burrows, Michaela Byrne (2018) Hodder Education

## Politics

There is a wealth of political writing being produced daily, either through books, blogs, newspapers or magazines. Below are listed just a small selection of books and websites that Politics students may find useful or interesting during their A Level studies. Some of these books are available from the bookcase at the back of Y5; please let Miss Mather know if you'd like to borrow one.

### Books

Acemoglu and Robinson, *Why Nations Fail*

Alberta, *American Carnage: On the Frontlines of the Republican Civil War*

Annan K, *Interventions: A Life in War and Peace*

Barber BR, *Jihad v McWorld*

Blum W, *Rogue State: A Guide to the World's Only Superpower*

Dunt I, *Brexit: What the Hell Happens Now?*

Errachidi, *The General: The Ordinary Man Who Challenged Guantanamo*

Gingrich N, *Understanding Trump*

Halliday F, *Two Hours that Shook the World*

Harari, *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*

Levitsky and Ziblatt, *How Democracies Die*

Lewis M, *The Fifth Risk*

Livingstone K, *You Can't Say That: Memoirs*

Marr A, *The History of Modern Britain*

Murray D, *The Strange Death of Europe: Immigration, Identity, Islam*

Obama B, *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*

Rawnsley A, *The End of the Party: The Rise and Fall of New Labour*

Rice C, *Democracy: Stories from the Long Road to Freedom*

Ryan A, *The Presidency in Black and White*

Sowell J, *Wealth, Poverty and Politics*

Tye L, *Bobby Kennedy: The Making of a Liberal Icon*

Young H, *One of Us*

### Useful News websites

BBC News – [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk). This is the best place to go for unbiased and neutral news reporting. In particular, if you look at their Politics section there is political news from around the world and keep an eye out for coverage of Question Time.

The Economist – [www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com). There are plenty of interesting articles to access for free which are not just to do with economics but to do with global politics and current affairs.

Guardian – [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk). In particular, the Guardian 'Long Reads' section has lots of interesting in-depth journalism on some controversial areas.

Independent – [www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk). This newspaper is great for both UK and US politics and also has a good section called 'Climate Blogs'

Telegraph – [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk). This newspaper is good for current affairs but also has some interesting opinion pieces written by its columnists.

### Political blogs or websites:

- A Level Politics – [www.alevelpolitics.com](http://www.alevelpolitics.com)
- Conservative Party members' blog – [www.conservativehome.com](http://www.conservativehome.com)
- Left Foot Forward (left wing blog) – [www.leftfootforward.org](http://www.leftfootforward.org)
- Labour List – [www.labourlist.org](http://www.labourlist.org)
- Craig Murray – [www.craigmurray.org](http://www.craigmurray.org)
- Iain Dale – [www.iaindale.com/articles](http://www.iaindale.com/articles)
- Coffee House – The Spectator – [www.blogs.spectator.co.uk](http://www.blogs.spectator.co.uk)
- Politics.co.uk – [www.politics.co.uk](http://www.politics.co.uk)
- Oxford University Politics Blog – [www.blog.politics.ox.ac.uk](http://www.blog.politics.ox.ac.uk)
- Total Politics – [www.totalpolitics.com](http://www.totalpolitics.com)
- The Today Programme on BBC4 - [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qj9z](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qj9z)
- Newsnight on BBC2- [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mk25](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mk25)
- Panorama - [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t14n](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t14n)

## Product Design

**Course:** A-Level Design and Technology: Product Design (7552) (**Exam Board:**AQA)

1. Exam Board Approved Textbook:  
AQA Design & Technology: Product Design  
Authors: Will Potts, Julia Morrison, Ian Granger, Dave Sumpner  
Publisher: Hodder  
ISBN-13: 9781510414082  
Price: £32.99  
Publication date: 27 October 2017  
Digital version available: November 2017
  
- 2) Making It: Manufacturing Techniques for Product Design by Chris Lefteri  
ISBN-13: 978-1856697491 (optional)
  
- 3) Materials for Design by Chris Lefteri  
ISBN-13: 978-1780673448 (optional)
  
- 4) The Plastics Handbook by Chris Lefteri  
ISBN- 978-2-88893-002-0 (optional)
  
- 5) Designing the 21st Century by Charlotte Fiell  
ISBN-13: 978-3822858837 (optional)
  
- 6) Twentieth Century Design (Oxford History of Art)  
ISBN-13: 978-0192842046 (optional)

## Psychology

Below are a huge number of options for you to choose from, but you are not expected to read all of these! It is best to read one or two books and articles carefully, and spend time thinking about their arguments, rather than reading more, but unreflectively.

### *Online Resources:*

#### FREE

BPS Research Digest: <https://digest.bps.org.uk/>

Also available as an app, this is a blog from the British Psychological Society that publishes a write up of at least one new psychology study each weekday. It aims to write accessible, accurate blog posts on those psychology studies that make an important contribution, that are relevant to real life, timely, novel or thought-provoking. They have a huge back catalogue as this has been running since 2003.

#### SOME FREE RESOURCES

##### Psychology Review

Written specifically for A-level students. There are a limited number of the articles from each publication available for free online at the link below:

<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Magazines/Magazines-extras/Psychology-Review-extras>

#### SOME FREE RESOURCES

##### New Scientist

New Scientist is the world's most popular weekly science and technology magazine. Its website, app and print editions cover international news from a scientific standpoint, and ask the biggest-picture questions about life, the universe and what it means to be human.

Psychology articles can be found at this link: <https://www.newscientist.com/article-topic/psychology/>

#### FREE ONLINE COURSES

##### OpenLearn

Produced by The Open University, a world leader in open and distance learning, all OpenLearn courses are free to study and you get a certificate of completion at the end.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

### *Psychology Journals (subscriptions required, some articles available online):*

##### The Psychologist

A monthly publication of The British Psychological Society. Copies are available to borrow from Miss Fisher.

##### The Annual Review of Psychology

Covers the significant developments in the field of psychology, including: biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, cognitive processes, animal learning and behavior, human development, psychopathology, clinical and counseling psychology, social psychology, personality, environmental psychology, community psychology, and more.

## Behavioural and Brain Sciences

An internationally renowned journal. Particularly significant and controversial pieces of work are published from researchers in any area of psychology, neuroscience, behavioral biology or cognitive science, together with 20-40 commentaries on each article from specialists within and across these disciplines, plus the author's response to them.

### *A-level Book List:*

Kesey, K. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

Haddon, M. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*

Ronson, J. (2012) *The Psychopath Test*

Picador Akeret, R. (1997) *The Man who Loved a Polar Bear and other Psychotherapist Tales*, Penguin

Taleb, N. N. (2008) *The Black Swan: the impact of the highly improbable*, Penguin

Rymer, R. (1994) *Genie: a scientific tragedy*, Harper Perrenial

Pinker, S. (2003) *The Blank Slate*, Penguin Books

Baddeley, A. (2007) *Working Memory, Thought and Action*, Oxford University Press

Zimbardo, P. (2008) *The Lucifer Effect*, Rider & Co

Shriver, K. (2016) *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, Serpent's Tail

Nesti, M. (2010) *Psychology in Football*, Routledge

Milgram, S. (2010) *Obedience to Authority*, Printer & Martin Ltd.

Wilson, C. and Seaman, D. (2007) *The Serial Killers: a study in the psychology of violence*, Virgin Books

Canter, D. V. (2010) *Forensic Psychology: a very short introduction*, Oxford University Press

Hare, R. D. (1999) *Without Conscience: the disturbing world of the psychopaths among us*, Guildford Publications

Britton, P. (1998) *The Jigsaw Man*, Corgi Books

### *Recommendations from Universities:*

Ramachandran, V.S. & Blakeslee S. (1999). *Phantoms in the Brain: Human Nature and the Architecture of the Mind*

Sacks, O. (2011). *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*

Bentall, R. & Beck. A.T. (2004). *Madness Explained: Psychosis and Human Nature*

Dennett, D.C. (1993). *Consciousness Explained*

Greenfield, S. (2002). *The Private Life of the Brain*

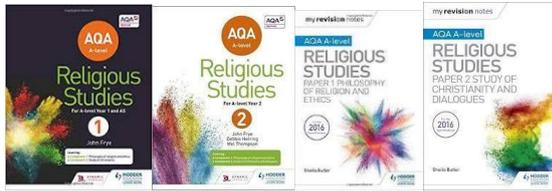
Ridley, M. (2004). *Nature via Nurture: Genes, experience and what makes us human*

Pinker, S. (1995). *The Language Instinct: The New Science of Language and Mind*

Goldacre, B. (2009). *Bad Science*

# Religious Studies

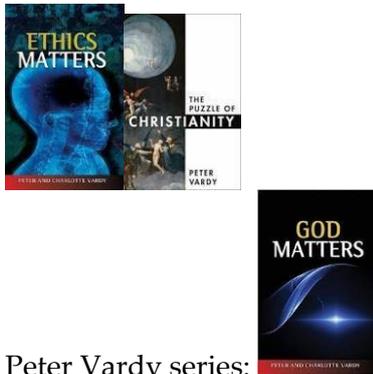
## A Level Recommended Reading List



AQA Textbook Year 1

AQA Textbook Year 2

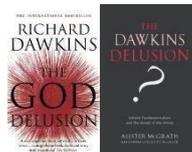
Revision Guides – paper 1 and paper 1



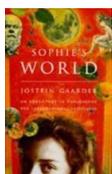
Peter Vardy series:

- Ethics Matters
- God Matters
- The Puzzle of Christianity

Richard Dawkins: The God Delusion



Alister McGrath: The Dawkins Delusion



Fiction

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder



The Sage Train by Nicky Hansell

[see also RS Books and Films document]

Books and films with themes in RS

<b>Book</b>	<b>Film</b>	<b>Theme</b>
<i>Jodi Picoult: My Sister's Keeper</i>	√	<b>Genetic engineering/saviour siblings</b>
<i>Sing You Home</i>		<b>Same-sex marriage/families</b>
<i>The Storyteller</i>		<b>Euthanasia/Holocaust</b>
<i>Lone Wolf</i>		<b>Euthanasia/organ donation</b>
<i>Plain Truth</i>		<b>Clash between religion/culture and modern society</b>
		<b>Suicide</b>
<i>The Pact</i>	√	<b>Medical ethics – should you know if your child is going to be born with medical problems?</b>
<i>Handle With Care</i>		<b>The nature of organised religion and death penalty</b>
		<b>Abortion</b>
<i>Change of Heart</i>		<b>Prejudice, race, justice</b>
<i>A Spark of Light</i>		
<i>Small Great Things</i>		
<i>Kazuo Ishiguro: Never Let Me Go</i>	√	<b>Genetic engineering/cloning</b>
	<i>Blood Diamond</i>	<b>War and Peace</b>
<i>Terry Prachett: Shaking Hands with Death</i>	√	<b>Euthanasia</b>
<i>Jostein Gaarder: Sophie's World</i>		<b>A novel which takes you on a chronological exploration of philosophy</b>
<i>Catherine Clement: Theo's Odyssey</i>		<b>A novel which takes you on a journey of world religions</b>
	<i>The Matrix</i>	<b>How do we know what is real?</b>
	<i>A.I</i>	<b>Is a robot designed like a human a real human?</b>

	<i>Minority Report</i>	<b>People are imprisoned for the predisposition to commit crimes</b>
	<i>The Truman Show</i>	<b>Freewill and determinism</b>
	<i>Vera Drake</i>	<b>Abortion</b>
<i>John Irving: The Cider House Rules</i>	√	<b>Sexual ethics and abortion</b>
<i>Sister Helen Prejean: Dead Man Walking</i>	√	<b>Capital punishment</b>
	<i>Hotel Rwanda</i>	<b>Genocide – war and peace</b>
	<i>Million Dollar Baby</i>	<b>Euthanasia</b>
	<i>Inception</i>	<b>Reality</b>
	<i>The Green Mile</i>	<b>Capital punishment/miracles and revelation</b>
<i>William P. Young: The Shack</i>	√	<b>Religious experience</b>
<i>Suzanne Collins: The Hunger Games</i>	√	<b>Good and evil; sacrifice</b>
<i>Jeanette Winterson: Oranges are not the only fruit</i>	√	<b>Exploring the relationship between homosexuality and religion (fiction)</b>
<i>Richard Dawkins: The God Delusion</i>		<b>The existence of God – faith vs science</b>
	<i>The Butterfly Effect</i>	<b>Time/controlling the future</b>
	<i>God on Trial</i>	<b>Evil and suffering/Holocaust/evidence of religious belief</b>
<i>Milan Kundera: The Unbearable Lightness of Being</i>		<b>a challenge to the concept of eternal recurrence</b>
<i>Robert M. Pirsig: Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance</i>		<b>an inquiry into values</b>
<i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>		<b>Problem of evil and suffering</b>
<i>Dan Brown: The Da Vinci Code</i>	√	<b>The authority of the Church</b>
<i>Angels and Demons</i>	√	<b>Science as a challenge to human existence</b>
<i>Origin</i>		
<i>Nicky Hansell: The Sage Train</i>		<b>A philosophical novel</b>
<i>Jill Paton Walsh: Knowledge of Angels</i>		<b>Religious experience</b>
<i>Lionel Shriver: We need to talk about Kevin</i>		<b>freewill and determinism; moral responsibility</b>

<i>Iris Murdoch: Under the Net</i>		<b>a philosophical novel</b>
	<i>In the Name of the Father</i>	<b>Justice, crime and punishment</b>
	<i>Hot Fuzz</i>	<b>Kant and Utilitarianism</b>
	<i>The Story of God with Morgan Freeman</i>	<b>nature of God, afterlife, good and evil, apocalypse</b>
	<i>Hacksaw Ridge</i>	<b>pacifism, conscientious objectors</b>
	<i>Berlin 36</i>	<b>racism, human rights, prejudice</b>
<i>Philip Pullman: The good man Jesus and the scoundrel Christ</i>		<b>Exploring the person and divinity of Jesus (fiction)</b>
<i>Francis Spufford: Unapologetic</i>		<b>A defence of Christianity in the light of rising atheism</b>
<i>Alain de Botton</i>		<b>All of his books are about philosophy's relevance to everyday life</b>
	<i>Louis Theroux: Weird Weekends - Christianity America's Most Hated Family By reason of insanity Choosing death</i>	
	<i>The Good Place</i>	<b>Making decisions based on pain or pleasure - how do you become a 'good' person?</b>

## Spanish

### Reading List/preparation ideas (Summer before yr.12)

- You will need a decent grammar book – familiarise yourself with the tenses and the basic word order rules.
- Use the '**Languages online**' website to practise various grammar points until you feel confident using them.
- Listen to Spanish in order to tune your ear into the language – watch **youtube** clips about topics you find interesting and try watching **veinte minutos** , which is a summary of news in Spanish.
- Join **MFL clips with audio & subtitles** on Facebook and watch the Spanish clips
- Research some aspect of the history of Spain or Latin America, which interests you.
- Follow this link to access free Open University courses in Spanish. There are many free courses available at different levels and you'll get a certificate of completion at the end. <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>
- On **Spotify** listen to **Hoy hablamos** podcasts. Simple topics - 10 mins approx - aimed at Spanish learners. **Historia de Espana para Selectividad** podcasts higher level
- Find a Spanish-speaking band that you like and listen to their music. Eg Shakira, Santana, La Oreja de Van Gogh, Maná, Romeo Santos
- Find out a little bit about the main festivals and traditions in Spanish- speaking countries...you could start with the **La Tomatina, or Las Fallas**.
- Watch a **Guillermo del Toro** film – What do you like/dislike about it?
- Find a Spanish series on **Netflix** that interests you. There are lots to choose from – Siempre Bruja, La casa de papel,. There are also lots of documentaries – Nicky Jam -el ganador – or films.

### Reading List/study support (Year 12 and 13)

- Keep up-to-date with grammar by practising using a grammar book and by using the '**Languages Online**' website.
- Download the '**memrise**' App and consistently update your lists with relevant vocabulary from lessons. Or buy a copy of **Palabra por Palabra**
- Watch or read Spanish news on <https://www.bbc.com/mundo> and **veinte minutos** , which is a summary of news in Spanish. For slower versions try <https://www.newsinslowspanish.com/>
- Join **MFL clips with audio & subtitles** on Facebook and watch the Spanish clips
- On **Spotify** listen to **Hoy hablamos** podcasts and **Historia de Espana para Selectividad** podcasts (higher level)
- Improve your listening and your Spanish slang with <https://lyricstraining.com/>
- Watch Spanish films and series regularly on **Netflix**
- Search for clips on the A2 topics on **youtube** in Spanish with subtitles
- Watch more films by **Guillermo del Toro** so you learn more about his ideas and techniques: El laberinto del fauno, La espinaza del diablo, la forma de agua

- Find Spanish translations of your favourite books so you already know what is going to happen
- Read Spanish and English side-by-side – Como agua para chocolate/Like Water for Chocolate (Esquivel) Shadow of the Wind/ La sombra del viento (Ruiz Zafón), Cien Años de soledad/ One hundred years of solitude (García Márquez)
- If you have a kindle download a Spanish book and the Spanish dictionary then you can click on a word if you don't know it. This will make reading much faster.
- Watch films by **Almodóvar** - Volver, Todo sobre mi madre, La piel que habito