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Wider Reading and Discovery Lists for Post-16 Subjects

One of the best ways you stand out during your post-16 studies is through the amount of independent study you undertake outside of the classroom.

Given the present situation that you now face, this is more important than ever.

Regardless of your future plans, the ability to extend yourself and research independently into your interests is an invaluable skill – this will support your university applications and/or future job applications and interviews.

Listed below are a series of helpful resources (further reading and websites) to help you with this.

General Resources		
iTunes U	Free podcasts, video lectures, reading recommendations	
YouTube	Has its own educational channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtFRv9O2AHqOZijynzrv-xg	
Staircase 12	A website put together by University College, Oxford. Contains interviews and book reviews from current students. www.staircase12.org	
TED	Watch talks from experts from a variety of fields https://www.ted.com/talks	
Start Profile	A website that you can use to explore careers which may stem from the subjects you have chosen, along with learning about 'employability' skills for the future https://www.startprofile.com/	
Open University	6th Forms etc. will be asking you what have you done over the 5 months you haven't been at school to determine how motivated you are...lots of resources and even the chance to get certification at the end https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue	

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In addition, the following are specific reading lists and websites for subjects you may have chosen. For some subjects there are additional resources found in sharepoint to support you in this transition.

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Name
Biology
Computing
Geography
RS subjects

REMEMBER we want to help, please feel free to email your teacher with any questions relating to your studies both now and in the future.

Good luck on the next stage of your educational journey.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking the local post-16 providers to provide advice and guidance too.

Suffolk One for example have already been in touch to say they will be sending out pre-reading/work material to all of those who have applied to come post Easter, the information will be sent from the Admissions Portal, which will be familiar to all those who have applied to Suffolk One for the September entry.

Northgate will be doing something similar after Easter too.

Also remember additional careers advice or guidance regarding post-16 provision can still be accessed remotely whilst the academy is closed. Please email either Jayne Williams or Mr Payne as below and they will endeavour to respond to any queries via phone or email at the earliest opportunity.

jayne.williams@westbourne.attrust.org.uk or danny.payne@westbourne.attrust.org.uk

Y11 Home languages

See power points on ShowMyHomeWork

11D ESOL Miss Graziani's class

Keep checking SHMW my homework for extra English and Numeracy work to help you once you get to college

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Y11 Induction- Miss Graziani, Mrs Adetu and Mrs Baxter

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Post 16 subjects	
Art and Design	Biology
Business Studies	Chemistry
Computing	Drama & Theatre Studies
DT Product Design	Engineering
English Language	English Literature
Geography	Government and Politics
History	Maths
Mechanics	Music
Health & Social	Hospitality & Catering
PE (Post 16 Sport)	Philosophy & Ethics
Physics	Plumbing
Psychology	Sociology
Spanish	

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Art and Design

Books

- 200 projects to get you into art school – for aspiring Art students by Valerie Colston ISBN 978-0-7136-8799-6
- Paintings that Changed The World - published by Prestel ISBN 3-7913-2986-3
- 50 Art Movements you should know - from Impressionism to Performance Art by Rosalind Ormiston ISBN 978-3-7913-4880-3
- TEXTILES NOW by Drusilla Cole ISBN 978-1-85669-572-5
- The Art Book by Phaidon
- AQA Art & Design Student Handbook published by Nelson Thornes
- The Andy Warhol Diaries Edited by Pat Hackett pub by Warner Books
- The American Leonardo: A Tale of 20th Century Obsession, Art and Money by John Brewer
- I Was Vermeer: The Forger Who Swindled the Nazis by Frank Wynne
- The Shock of the New, by Robert Hughes

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Websites

- Student Art Guide - www.studentartguide.com
- Pinterest - www.pinterest.com
- The British Museum - www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk
- Victoria and Albert Museum - www.vam.ac.uk
- Hayward Gallery - www.hayward-gallery.org.uk
- National Gallery - www.nationalgallery.org.uk
- National Portrait Gallery - www.npg.org.uk
- Tate Britain/ Modern - www.tate.org.uk
- Whitechapel Gallery - www.whitechapel.org
- ICA - www.ica.org.uk
- Modern Painters – UK www.moderpainters.co.uk

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Biology

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Mr B's useful resources found in sharepoint under **7. Post 16 Bridging Resources.**

Books

- 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
- Richard Leaky: The Origin of Humankind
- Daniel Chamovitz: What A Plant Knows

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 - The BBC news page for Science and the Environment

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Business Studies

Books

- How I Made It: 40 Successful Entrepreneurs Reveal How They Made Millions_ - Rachel Bridge - An essential read for anyone that is thinking about starting their own business. Successful Entrepreneurs are interviewed about how they spotted a gap in a market, and developed a USP.
- The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference - Malcolm Gladwell - A very readable and fascinating book, which looks into the reasons products become market leaders.
- The Google Story - David A Vise - An interesting investigation into the culture at Google, includes insights into the four day working week and soft management styles. The questions is; are these the things that made Google the world's number one search engine?
- The Toyota Way: 14 Management Principles from the World's Greatest Manufacturer_ - Jeffrey Liker - Covers Japanese Management Techniques such as Kaizen and TQM.
- Business Stripped Bare: Adventures of a Global Entrepreneur - Sir Richard Branson - The autobiography of Britain's most famous entrepreneur.

Websites

- www.tutor2u.net
- www.bized.co.uk
- www.businesscasestudies.co.uk
- <https://freakonomics.com/archive/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business>

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Chemistry

Books

- The Pleasure of Finding Things Out - Richard Feynman
- Periodic Tales - Hugh Aldersey-Williams
- The Disappearing Spoon - Sam Kean
- Uncle Tungsten - Oliver Sachs
- The Shocking History of Phosphorus: A Biography of the Devil's Element - John Emsley

Websites

- Periodic Table of Videos by Martyn Poliakoff www.youtube.com
- Royal Society of Chemistry www.rsc.org.uk Institution of Chemical Engineers www.icheme.org www.chemguide.co.uk

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Computing & ICT

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Books

- Trigger Happy: The inner life of videogames - Stephen Poole.
- A witty, comprehensive and passionate discourse on the videogame explosion. Essential reading for anyone with an interest in this industry.
- Accidental Empires - Robert X Cringely.
- An insider's account of the origins and growth of the micro-computing industry from the earliest times to the present day; acerbic and funny in equal measure.

Magazines

- Wired
- New Scientist

Websites

- <http://www.tnmoc.org/> <http://pcpro.com> <http://www.theregister.co.uk/>

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Design & Technology Product Design

Books

- AQA Design and Technology: Product Design (3D Design) – Nelson Thornes
- Design for the 21st Century (Icons Series) - Charlotte Fiell and Peter Fiell
- Thames and Hudson - the eco-design handbook - by Alastair Fuad-Luke.
- DATA - Designing with Pro/Desktop - John Hutchinson
- Design Sketching (ISBN 978-91-976807-0-7) by Erik Olofsson and Klara Sjolen

Websites and Magazines:

- This is a free 3D virtual modelling site (CAD) perfect for virtual designing and modelling. Suited for students doing art, design, games design, product design etc. <https://www.tinkercad.com/learn>
- There is also this website that has different tasks relating to STEM but with a design technology outlook. Can be used by teachers but also gives students some options to look at, explore and try some of the tasks? <https://www.stem.org.uk/audience/secondary-design>
- www.dexigner.com - online magazine
- <http://designmuseum.org/>
- <http://www.designweek.co.uk/> - design week magazine.
- <http://www.id-mag.com/GeneralMenu/> - ID magazine
- <http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/>
- <http://www.core77.com/> online magazine

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- <http://www.blueprintmagazine.co.uk/>
- www.technologystudent.com
- Pinterest

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Drama & Theatre Studies

A Level Drama courses and content are an extension of how you have been assessed at GCSE. You will once again study and perform set texts (although these will differ by exam board), devise your own performance work and you will analyse and evaluate live theatre.

The more live theatre you can see, the more this can influence your own performance work. In current circumstances, seeing live theatre is not possible, but this is the next best thing. We have a school subscription to Digital Theatre Plus, where you can watch lots of shows that were recorded live in the theatre. The log in details you need to access the site are as follows:

Username: **STUDENT_1138**

Password: **wa123** (these are both case sensitive)

P.S: As a suggested first watch, 'A Disappearing Number' by Complicite is a phenomenal piece of devised physical theatre.

Books

If you want to be able to get a head start with the course content and your drama and theatre knowledge, wider reading is key. The following titles are suggestions of books to read of set texts and practitioners, taken from the major exam boards specifications. However, if you are able to find out which exam board your college/sixth form follows, and which set texts they have chosen to study, this will enable you to narrow down your reading list!

- Accidental Death Of An Anarchist, Dario Fo
- Colder Than Here, Laura Wade
- Equus, Peter Shaffer
- Fences, August Wilson
- Machinal, Sophie Treadwell
- That Face, Polly Stenham
- Antigone, Sophocles
- Much Ado About Nothing, William Shakespeare
- As You Like It, William Shakespeare
- A Servant To Two Masters, Carlo Goldoni
- Hedda Gabler, Henrik Ibsen
- The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Bertolt Brecht
- Jerusalem, Jez Butterworth
- Yerma, Federico Garcia Lorca
- The Glass Menagerie, Tennessee Williams
- Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Tennessee Williams

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- Metamorphosis, Steven Berkoff
- Cloud Nine, Caryl Churchill
- Love And Information, Caryl Churchill
- Our Country's Good, Timberlake Wertenbaker
- Bronte, Polly Teale
- The Trojan Women, Euripides
- Saved, Edward Bond
- Racing Demon, David Hare
- Chimerica, Lucy Kirkwood

In addition to the above, you will also study influential theatre practitioners, so any wider reading/research you can complete around any of the following will be very beneficial to you:

- Antonin Artaud
- Bertolt Brecht
- Konstantin Stanislavski
- Augusto Boal
- Jerzy Grotowski
- Steven Berkoff
- Joan Littlewood
- Peter Brook
- Gordon Craig
- Complicite
- DV8
- Frantic Assembly
- Gecko
- Punchdrunk
- Kneehigh

If you are able to discover which set texts/specifications you will study, feel free to drop me, Mr Smith, an email as I may have copies of certain books I can lend you.

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English Language & Literature

General

- Bill Bryson, Mother Tongue
- Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman and Nina Hyams, An Introduction to Language
- Sara Thorne, Mastering Advanced English Language
- R L Trask, Language the Basics
- Crystal, A Little Book of Language

Language and mode

- Ursula Clark, *An Introduction to Stylistics*
- David Crystal, *Rediscover Grammar* (for reference)

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Websites

- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/> The exam board site. The complete syllabus (Lang / Lit spec A) is downloadable.
- <http://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/emag/> Contains past articles from the ever-helpful 'e'magazine. Covers both Language and Literature. You will need to ask your teachers or the LRC for a special password.
- <http://www.universalteacher.org.uk/> Lots of invaluable information on all aspects of your English Language course.
- www.englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/ Written by Dan Clayton at St Francis Xavier College; provides excellent materials and discussions, plus lots of links to other relevant sites.
- <http://www.ling.lancs.ac.uk/> Lancaster Uni Language and Linguistics site. Enormous. They have a specific A Level site within this and loads of resources.
- <http://www.geoffbarton.co.uk/> useful site which covers many aspects of AS.
- <http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/> Very good for dialects, phonology.

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English Literature

Obviously, you will have your set texts to read, but it would be beneficial and enjoyable for you to read around these. You could read more written by the author or written in the same genre.

For example, once you have read *Enduring Love* by Ian McEwan perhaps then read *Saturday* or *On Chesil*

Beach or *Atonement*. Or once you have read *A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon then perhaps read *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel or *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens or *Spies* by Micheal Frayn.

Reference Books

- *A Dictionary of Literary Terms* by Martin Gray
- *AQA English Literature B (AS and A2)* by Nelson Thornes
- *AQA English Literature and Language B (AS and A2)* by Nelson Thornes
- *Doing English* by Robert Eaglestone
- *How to Write Better Essays* by Bryan Greetham
- *Oxford concise companion to English Literature* by Margaret Drabble and Jenny Stringer
- *Pastoral* by Terry Gifford
- *The Ode Less Travelled* by Stephen Fry
- *The Poet's Craft* by Sandy Brownjohn

Websites

- <http://www.guardian.co.uk/books> <http://www.orangeprize.co.uk/home>
- <http://www.themanbookerprize.com/>

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Geography

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Mr B's useful resources found in sharepoint under **7. Post 16 Bridging Resources**.

Books

- Powerdown: Options and Actions for a Post-Carbon World (2004) by Richard Heinberg.
- The Grapes of Wrath (1939) by John Steinbeck.
- The Great Thirst – Californians and Water (1992) by Norris Hundley.
- Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet (2008) by Mark Lynas.
- The Global casino (4th edition 2008) by Nick Middleton.
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (1974) and Smiley's people (1979) by John Le Carre – also watch the BBC's film series of these books, available on DVD.
- The New Rulers of the World (2003) by John Pilger.
- The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga (The Man Booker prize winner in 2008).
- The Debt Boomerang (1991) by Susan George.
- Fixing Climate (2008) by Wallace Broecker and Robert Kunzig.
- There is no such thing as a natural disaster (2006) by Chester Hartman and Gregory D Squires (about the New Orleans flood).
- Richter 10- Taming the Earthquakes (1996) by Arthur Clarke and (late) Mike McQuay.
- Volcano – Nature's Inferno (1997) National geographic.
- Geography: An integrated approach by David Waugh (various editions). Excellent breadth and depth of A-Level content.
- Climate Wars: The Fight For Survival As The World Overheats by Gwynne Dyer.
- Here on Earth by Tim Flannery.

Websites

- <http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/geography>
- <http://www.georesources.co.uk/indexalevel.htm>
- <http://www.geography.org.uk/resources>
- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- <http://www.edexcel.com/subjects/Geography/Pages/Useful-websites.aspx>

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Government & Politics

Books

- UK Government & Politics (Philip Allan Updates) by Philip Lynch & Paul Fairclough
- Understanding AS Level Government and Politics by Christopher Wilson
- AQA Government and Politics AS by Duncan Watts
- UK Government and Politics Annual Survey by Paul Fairclough, Richard Kelly & Eric Magee
- US Government & Politics by Anthony J. Bennett
- American Politics and Society by David McKay
- Understanding American Government & Politics by Duncan Watts

Websites and Magazines:

- www.bbc.co.uk
- www.labour.org.uk
- www.libdems.org.uk
- www.conservative.com
- www.electoral-reform.org.uk
- www.statistics.gov.uk
- www.politics1.com
- www.democrats.org
- www.rnc.org

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History

Look at the following websites as they show the content of History A Level at Northgate and Suffolk One:

- <https://www.suffolkone.ac.uk/courses/level-3-courses/ancient-history/>
- <https://www.suffolkone.ac.uk/courses/level-3-courses/modern-history/>
- <http://www.northgatesixthform.co.uk/prospectus/>

Books and other media

Please email me (zoe.potter@westbourne.atrust.org.uk) if you would like recommendations for specific topics. The subjects taught at A Level are very different at Northgate and Suffolk One. Here is a start:

- **Russia**
 - The Penguin History of Modern Russia: From Tsarism to the Twenty-first Century by Robert Service
 - Russian History: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions) by Geoffrey Hosking

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On the BBC

- Russia of the Tsar's
- Russia with Simon Reeve
- The Russian Revolution on Netflix
- **Churchill**
 - Access to History: Britain 1900-57 Second Edition

Films

- There are lots of films for Churchill:
 - The Gathering Storm
 - Into the Storm
 - The Darkest Hour
 - Churchill
- **Crusades**
 - The Crusades: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)

On the BBC

- BBC Series called The Crusades

Useful General Websites

- <https://spartacus-educational.com/>
- <https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/history>
- <https://www.mrallsophistory.com/revision/category/a-level-and-ib-history-revisi>

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Maths

Completing the level 8/9 booklets available on Maths Genie, <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>, and to continue with the OnMaths, <https://www.onmaths.com/>, past papers. This should keep your level of maths up to the standard you need.

Books:

- Why do buses come in threes? – Rob Easterway
- Fermat's Last Theorem – Simon Singh
- Alex's Adventures in Numberland – Alex Bellos
- The Simpsons and their Mathematical Secrets – Simon Singh

Websites:

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://archive.org/details/TheNumberDevil>
- <http://mathsbank.co.uk/>

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Music

Books / Publications

- Edexcel Anthology – Julia Winterson
- AS Music Study Guide – 2008 edition – Rhinegold
- AS Music Harmony workbook – Hugh Benham - Rhinegold
- Writing about Music workbook – Alistair Wightman - Rhinegold
- A2 Music Study Guide – 3rd edition – Rhinegold
- History of Music – Cambridge assignments in Music – Roy Bennett
- A History of Western Music – Burkholder, Grout and Palisca

Websites/Listening resources

- www.iso.co.uk/gcse-a-level - introductions to various eras in the history of music – A level detail plus specific workshops on some set works
- Classicfm
- BBC Radio 3

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Post 16 Sport

It doesn't matter what sporting qualification you choose to study Post 16, the content across awarding bodies will be the same; it is the assessment of the content that differs.

A Level 3 BTEC in Sport will be modular, in that you will study the content and then complete an assignment (much like you did during your time at Westbourne). However, the major difference being that you will be expected to work a lot more independently and stick to deadlines!!! There are also two exams; one at the end of each year.

A-Level PE is a lot different in that all the content will be delivered across the two years and then you will sit your exams at the end. You will also be assessed in your sporting ability in a sport.

The content that is shared across all qualifications is:

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Skill Acquisition
- Coaching and Development
- Sports Nutrition
- Sports Psychology

Therefore, have a look online for activities that you can do in preparation for the Anatomy and Physiology as this is by far the hardest module. The things that you will be required to know are:

- Know the structure and function of the skeletal system
- Know the structure and function of the muscular system
- Know the structure and function of the cardiovascular system
- Know the structure and function of the respiratory system
- Know the different types of energy systems.

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In addition to this, try and read through some of the books listed below.

Books

- Bevis,P & Murray,M. AQA AS Physical Education (2008) Nelson Thornes.
- Roscoe D, Davis B, Roscoe J. AS Revise PE for AQA (2010) Jan Roscoe Publications
- Bizley, K. AQA Physical Education (2009) Nelson Thornes.
- Clegg, C. Exercise Physiology And Functional Anatomy (1995) Feltham Press
- Walder, P. Mechanics And Sport Performance (1998) Feltham Press (1998)
- Burrows, S. Byrne, M. Young, S. AQA AS Physical Education Student Revision Guide (2008) Philip Allan Updates
- Wiggins-James, N. James, R. Thompson, G. AS PE for AQA (2005) Heinemann

Websites

- www.mypeexam.com
- www.sportengland.org
- www.brianmac.co.uk
- NGB websites o e.g. The FA www.thefa.com, The RFU www.rfu.com etc.

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Philosophy and Ethics

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Mr B's useful resources found in sharepoint under **7. Post 16 Bridging Resources**.

Books

- The Puzzle of God, Peter Vardy
- The Puzzle of Evil, Peter Vardy
- The Puzzle of Ethics, Peter Vardy
- The Blind Watchmaker, Richard Dawkins

Journals

- R.E. Review
- Look for ethical issues reported in newspapers

Websites

- www.bbc.co.uk/religion www.iep.utm.edu
- www.philosophypages.com

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Photography

Books

- Digital Photography Complete Course by DK
- The Photography Book by Ian Jeffrey
- Dorothea Lange: A Life Beyond Limits by Linda Gordon
- Photography Q&A – Real Questions. Real Answers by Zack Arias
- Annie Leibovitz at Work by Annie Leibovitz

Websites

- Podcast Scenario - It is a series of audio documentaries that each go behind the scenes of a specific photographer.
<https://open.spotify.com/show/0ZgFy2OeR4ygm67LxXMvO2?si=kqmEzTE2SQqXOKBKtdWugA>
- A Photographic Life - It is a weekly podcast by photographer, writer, lecturer and filmmaker Grant Scott, where he discusses the latest news, themes and issues surrounding the photographic community. <https://podcasts.apple.com/ro/podcast/a-photographic-life/id1380344701>
- A Small Voice: Conversations with Photographers - In-depth, high quality interviews with a diverse range of world-class photographers. <https://open.spotify.com/show/3lGrxj5Y4tkeogCz3w4GwJ?si=3idkeksgSqGeuZTuh2BSzg>
- The Stalman Podcast - Presented by Tyler Stalman, it looks at photography, cinematography and technology, and the intersections between them. <https://www.stalmanpodcast.com>

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Physics

Books

- Why Don't Penguins' Feet Freeze? – New Scientist
- The Grand Design – Stephen Hawkin and Leonard Mlodinow
- Newton – Peter Ackroyd
- The Quantum Universe: Everything that can happen does happen – Brian Cox and Jeff Forshaw

Websites

- www.iop.org
- www.sixtysymbols.com
- www.physicsworld.com
- <http://home.web.cern.ch/topics/large-hadron-collider>

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Psychology

Books

- Freud for Beginners by Richard Appignanesi and Oscar Zarate
- Introducing Psychology: A Graphic Guide to Your Mind and Behaviour by Nigel Benson
- Mindwatching: Why We Behave the Way We Do by H.J. Eysenck and Michael W. Eysenck

Websites/organisations

- The British Psychological Society (BPS) - <http://www.bps.org.uk>
- Washington University Neuroscience Dept - <http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>

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Sociology

Magazines/journals

- Sociology Review – available at a reduced rate subscription through the school
- New Internationalist
- The New Statesmen
- All newspapers are valuable resources for students. A number of key newspapers have sociologists writing articles, and cover stories in a very sociological in-depth way.

Websites

- www.educationforum.co.uk/sociology_2/onlinesochohome.htm www.sociology.org.uk/

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Spanish

It is important that you continue accessing the Spanish language as much as is possible before starting and post GCSE courses. The best thing for this would be revising anything that was covered as part of the GCSE course using the recommended sites such as Quizlet, Active Learn and Seneca. The better you know the GCSE course, the better you will progress at A-Level.

In addition to this, you may wish to expand your cultural knowledge of Spain and the Spanish speaking world. There are a range of films online that will help you better understand the language and culture. A good starting point would be Pan's Labyrinth or films by the director Pedro Almodovar.

Read any books about Spain that you can find, even if they are in English. Books like Dave Boling's Guernica and Victoria Hislop's The Return give you an insight into Spain at the time of the Civil War. Ian Gibson's Fire in the Blood: The New Spain has an enormous amount of information on Spain over the last century up to modern times. The more you know, the easier it will be to come up with ideas in an oral, and understand reading and listening texts in an exam.

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Also read literature in Spanish – especially South American writers like García Márquez and Vargas Llosa. Try works by Antonio Gala, Arturo Perez Reverte and Alberto Vazquez Figueroa who are contemporary writers from Spain.

Watch online TV in Spanish. Go to:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/tv/> www.newsinslowspanish.com
- www.antena3.com
- www.rtve.es

Websites

- <http://cvc.cervantes.es> (for the Instituto de Cervantes)
- <http://spanishrevision.co.uk> (go to the A level index)
- <http://lightbulblanguages.co.uk> (go to Resources and A'level)
- www.conjugemos.com – excellent for practising conjugating verbs.
- www.languagesonline.org.uk

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Vocational Courses

Engineering

Books

- BTEC Level 2 First Engineering Student Book

Websites

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/engineering.html>

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Health and Social Care

Websites

- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-2016.html>
- <https://www.distance-learning-centre.co.uk/products/308/health---social-care-studies---level-3-course.htm?msclkid=6904964ae5f61564f270c831b7303ea8&utm-source=bing&utm-medium=cpc&utm-campaign=PIXUS%20-%20Health%20%26%20Social%20Care&utm-term=level%203%20health%20and%20social%20care&utm-content=Level%203%20Course>

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Books /Journals

- <https://www.bmj.com/> The British medical journal – archives to read with other aspects of health
- Adam Kay – ‘This is going to hurt’ Confessions of a junior doctor 2017

Documentaries

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVRRu4cpVYs> Michael Moore’s excellent take on the American health care system
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VyQhhDwmr8> Michel Moore’s views on privatisation.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XleiKohJ0uI> A Q and A with a social worker

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Hospitality and Catering

- <https://www.virtual-college.co.uk/courses/food-and-drink/level-2-catering> This is a City and Guilds Level 2 safety certificate in catering qualification. It’s all online, takes 2-3hours in total, but I suggest its broken up into small chunks. Perfect if students are going on to study catering at college or want a part time job in a food restaurant once all this has passed. Does cost £12 if you print your own certificate, £20 if you want it posted. It is the course we all use and update every 3 years.

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Mechanics

Websites

- <https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/transport-maintenance/automotive/3905-motor-vehicle-engineering#tab=information>

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Plumbing

Books

- The City & Guilds Textbook: Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing Studies (6035) (Vocational) by Mike Maskrey (Author), Eamon Wilson (Author)

Websites

- <https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/courses/city-guilds-diploma-in-plumbing-level-2>