



Sixth Form Starters 2020

Summer Reading/ Research List

In this unprecedented time we realise that you will be anxious about starting at Sixth Form when you are out of an educational setting for an extended period of time.

In order to aid your preparations for your new courses we have included some materials, links and resources for your subjects so that you can be prepared for the oncoming year.

Preparation for the leap to A Levels from GCSE:

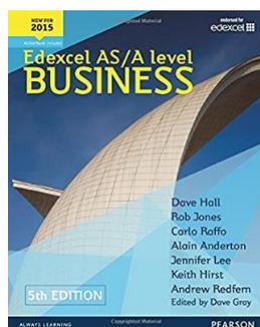
<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/gcse-choices-university/making-the-jump-from-gcses-to-a-levels>

<https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/start-a-levels/>

<http://blog.snaprevise.co.uk/how-to-prepare-for-a-levels-from-gcses/>

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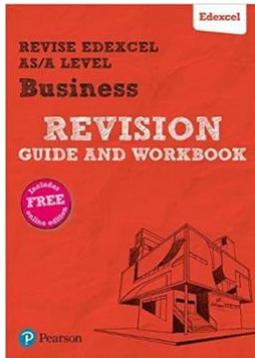
Business Studies:



The Business A Level text book is the core text for this course.

It has all of the essential content for your studying and includes example questions which you can attempt to practise.

The online account is also available to use



The Business Level Revision Guide is the core revision material for this course.

Whilst the text book will give a wider understanding the revision guide is great for converting the knowledge acquired to memory

In addition to the above texts it is always beneficial in business to ensure wider reading around the subject.

This could include business style management books or autobiographies such as known businesses leaders. Some suggestions are:

Richard Branson – Like a Virgin 2007

Alan Sugar – What you see is what you get 2010

James Caan – Business Secrets (Available as an audio app on the App Store)

Wider sources for Business Studies

<p>TED Lectures on Business</p>	<p>They have lectures on pretty much anything from starting a small enterprise to the ethics of big business. https://www.ted.com/topics/business</p>
<p>News Stories</p>	<p>Keep up to date with the business world by following the most up to date business stories. BBC News is a great place to start: www.bbcnews.com/business</p>
<p>Business Series</p>	<p>There is a wealth of material on streaming applications such as iPlayer, Netflix and Amazon Prime with business themed TV shows and films that are great as reference points throughout this course</p>

English Literature + Language:

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

Set Texts - A Level English Literature (Pearson-Edexcel)

Prose:

The Little Stranger, Sarah Waters, Virago (ISBN 1844086062)

The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde, Penguin Classics 1st Edition, (ASIN: B00NBCXKRE)

Drama:

A Streetcar Named Desire, Tennessee Williams Penguin Modern Classics, 2009 (ISBN 9780141190273)

Othello, William Shakespeare, Wordsworth Classics Edition (ISBN 978- 1853260186)

Poetry:

Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002- 2011, Faber & Faber (ISBN 978-0571325405)

Selected Poems, Christina Rossetti, Penguin Classics (ISBN 9780140424690)

Suggested Wider Reading

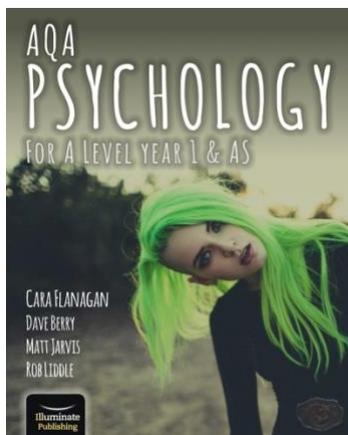
The list that follows is by no means exhaustive, but it should give you somewhere to start when faced with a whole library full of possibilities.

Prose:

- Chinua Achebe *Things Fall Apart*
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie *Purple Hibiscus, Americanah*
- Monica Ali *Brick Lane*
- Margaret Atwood *The Handmaid's Tale, Oryx and Crake, The Blind Assassin*
- Jane Austen *Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Sense and Sensibility*
- Charlotte Brontë *Jane Eyre*
- Emily Brontë *Wuthering Heights*
- AS Byatt *Possession*
- Angela Carter *The Bloody Chamber, Nights at the Circus,*
- Joseph Conrad *The Secret Agent, The Heart of Darkness*
- Charles Dickens *Great Expectations, Hard Times, Bleak House*
- Daphne Du Maurier *Rebecca*

Psychology:

Course Textbooks



The AQA A Level Psychology Green Haired Girl book is your essential resource.

Remember we have access to a special online interactive version of this which has useful links, activities and resources attached.

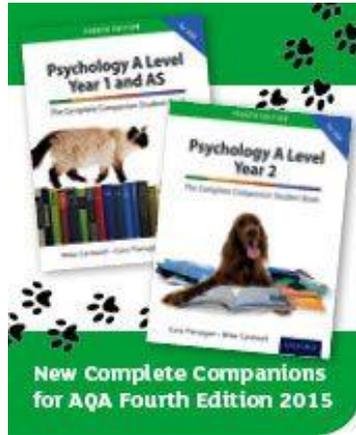
Well worth using!

Use the online version now:

www.illuminate.digital/aqapsych1

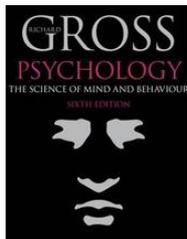
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An alternative book you can use is the **Complete Companion** by Cara Flanagan. This isn't endorsed by AQA but is written especially for the new 2015 specification. Ensure you get the latest fourth edition!

Additional Texts



Richard Gross:

Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behaviour

- *Working Memory, Thought and Action* – Alan Baddeley
- *The Lucifer Effect* – Phillip Zimbardo
- *Obedience to Authority* – Stanley Milgram
- *Fundamentals of Cognition* – Michael Eysenck
- *Psychology: The Science of the Mind and Behaviour* – Richard Gross

Other Resources

<p>TED Lectures on Psychology</p>	<p>They have lectures on pretty much anything from the Psychology of love and attraction to the biology of the brain. https://www.ted.com/topics/psychology</p>
<p>Simply Psychology Website</p>	<p>An accurate account of key topics in Psychology. There are multiple articles with useful video links and additional references. www.simplypsychology.org</p>
<p>The Psychologist at the British Psychological Society (BPS)</p>	<p>Official BPS articles and blog posts with the most up to date Psychological research. https://thepsychologist.bps.org.uk/</p>

Crash Course Videos	Type in 'Crash Course Psychology' on Youtube and you'll find a range of fast paced but information packed videos on most topics in Psychology. These are produced by John Green. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo4pMVb0R6M&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOPRKzVLY0jY-uHOH9KVU6
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Sciences:

These are the suggested texts that you should be accessing in preparation for your course

CGP Head start to **Biology**

GCP Head start to **Chemistry**

GCP Head start to **Physics**

CGP Head start to **Maths**

(All of the above can be found for free on Amazon Kindle accounts)

In addition to this you can access videos, articles and texts online which will allow you to read around the topics and subjects in the book.

Geography

The best Geographers at A Level keep reading the news and generally seek to improve their geographical understanding by engaging with geographical discussions regarding key issues.

This guide has been designed for you to dip in and out of, from looking at general geographical issues and developing your ability to think like a geographer, through to starting to explore some of the topics we will be looking at in year 12 and 13 so you can do some valuable background reading.

Developing as a Geographer

Below is a list of websites, books, podcasts, documentaries and films which provide a way of staying inspired and engaging with geography.

i. **Online news articles**

THE CONVERSATION.COM <http://theconversation.com/uk> we can highly recommend you use *this!* This you will find is really useful to support many of your A Levels. It provides up-to-date articles from academics and specialists in the field written in a way that is accessible to all, summarising key points in short but insightful articles.

BBC NEWS <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news> - an excellent source of up-to-date articles – explore the key headings such as Science, as well as the UK, World and other stories.

THE GUARDIAN <https://www.theguardian.com/uk> - again many useful articles and logically ordered – keep an eye on the Environment, Science, Society, Global Development stories in particular!

ii. PODCASTS

Now is the time to broaden your geographical understanding! Stick your headphones in and listen to some of the following...

Costing the Earth – There are some great podcasts here to pick from on a wide variety of geographical issues <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player> (many topics, including amongst others.. climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation, alternative power, plastics etc.)

Royal Geographical Society – “Ask the Geographer podcasts” -

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/> - a fantastic set of podcasts to keep A Level studies up-to-date with the latest geographical research – pick out some that interest you and give them a go!

iii. ONLINE NEWS ARTICLES

Remember you can make use of the local libraries digital library service for books – you don't have to access hard copies.

Prisoners of Geography (Marshall, T) – an insightful book which helps understand how physical geography impacts on political reality and really helps to understand how decisions of world leaders have been shaped by geography – a great introduction to geopolitics.

Factfulness: Ten reasons we're wrong about the world – and why things are better than you think (Rosling, H 2019) – this is a must-read book from a geography perspective – this takes a more realistic view of the world, presenting issues in fact-based context. It is a rational look at actually how far the world has measurably improved and what's left to be done.

Adventures in the Anthropocene (Vince, G) (2016) – this looks at the effects that humans are having on the surface and structure of the planet with a balanced view on recognising threats and dangers whilst also look for practical answers and solutions.

iv. GEOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTARIES

There are some great geographical documentaries which will help develop your general geographical knowledge and understanding and help you see what an amazing world we live in.

*The following are all available on **iPlayer**.*

- **David Attenborough Box Sets** – there are 9 amazing boxsets available on iplayer from David Attenborough exploring our amazing world <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06m42d9>
- **The Americas with Simon Reeve** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00095p0/the-americas-with-simon-reeve>
- **Simon Reeve around the world** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06rrnkm>
- **Mediterranean with Simon Reeve** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b0bnb6tt/mediterranean-with-simon-reeve>

The following are all available on **ITV Hub**

- **Britain Underwater: Fighting the Floods** <https://www.itv.com/hub/britain-underwater-fighting-the-floods/7a0157>
- **Joanna Lumley's Hidden Caribbean: Havana to Haiti** <https://www.itv.com/hub/joanna-lumleys-hidden-caribbean-havana-to-haiti/2a7578>

The following are all available on **Channel 4 – On Demand**

- **When the Immigrants Leave** (Dispatches) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/69555-001>
- **China's Lonely Hearts** (Unreported World) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/56011-011>
- **The world's dirtiest river** (Unreported world) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/58399-001>
- **Forests of Fear** (Unreported World) - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/69224-006>
- **Hurricane Hell** (Unreported World) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/69224-007>
- **The World's Dirtiest Air (Unreported World)** <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/67193-002>
- **The week Britain Froze (Dispatches)** <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/66548-007>

v. **GEOGRAPHICAL FILMS**

(some are available online free – others may be available on providers such as Amazon Prime / Netflix etc.)

- **Before the Flood (2016) (PG)** – National Geographic <https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/before-the-flood-2016/> (presented by Leonardo DiCaprio – exploring climate change and looking at what needs to be done today to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet.
- **The Impossible (2012) (12)** – Movie based on real life events of the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami which killed 200,000 people.
- **Slumdog Millionaire (15)** – based on life in the slums of Mumbai
- **Our Planet** (Netflix series) – explores how climate change impacts all living creatures.
- **Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (12)** – an epic which celebrates the journey of Nelson Mandela from childhood in a rural village through to his election as President of South Africa. This explores what happened in South Africa with regards to apartheid and Black opposition through the eyes of Nelson Mandela.
- **Hotel Rwanda (12)** - the true story of hotel manager who houses and protects Tutsi refugees – this is a hard-hitting film based on the Rwandan Conflict of the 1990s.

Preparing for A Level

Here at Etone, we study AQA A Level. You will have two exams and submit an NEA this involves:

Physical Geography

You will study:

- Water and Carbon Cycles
- Coastal Systems and Landscapes
- Hazards

Human Geography

You will study:

- Global Systems and Global Governance
- Changing Places
- Contemporary Urban Environments

Some ideas to get you started:

Physical

Topic 2 - Earth's Life Support Systems - Water and the Carbon Cycle

Water and carbon are fundamental to supporting life on earth and are hence regarded as 'earth's life support systems. Water and carbon are cycled in both open and closed systems between the land, oceans and the atmosphere. The processes in the water and carbon cycles are inter-related. Human activity is increasingly threatening and altering water and carbon cycles for example through deforestation, ocean acidification, desertification etc. It is important that we look at global and national solutions to protect these.

Reading: Water and Carbon Cycling (Royal Geographical Society) – this is an excellent starting point / content overview for the water and carbon work that we will be looking at
<https://www.rgs.org/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?nodeguid=6dc9f1c1-f92d-4c04-9f85-9985844a6a79&lang=en-GB>

Reading: Introduction to the Carbon Cycle

<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology/ecology/biogeochemical-cycles/a/the-carbon-cycle>

Reading: Introduction to the Water Cycle

<https://www.khanacademy.org/science/biology/ecology/biogeochemical-cycles/a/the-water-cycle>

Video: Climate Change the Facts – David Attenborough

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00049b1/climate-change-the-facts>

Video: Panorama – Climate Change: What can we do?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009drg/panorama-climate-change-what-can-we-do>

Video: The Disarming case to act right now climate change – Greta Thunberg (TED TALK)

https://www.ted.com/talks/greta_thunberg_the_disarming_case_to_act_right_now_on_climate_change

Reading: Climate Change – The Guardian have an excellent section on Climate Change which is frequently updated with articles and is well worth dipping into

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/climate-change>

Reading: Climate Change – The Conversation – a wealth of articles – frequently updated – highly recommended! <https://theconversation.com/uk/topics/climate-change-27>

Topic 3 – Hazards – Wildfires

You have not studied wildfires before so some wider reading about them, looking at causes, how they spread and some example case studies, e.g. in Australia or California.

Human

Unit 2 Changing Places, Making Spaces

This is a brand new unit which explores the relationships and connections between people, the economy and society and their contributing to placemaking (i.e. creating places). The unit explores the meanings and representations attached to places and how place making takes place at a variety of scales. It explores places from a local to global level.

Starting points...

Interactive: Changing Spaces, Making Places – a good story map introduction – work your way through

<https://focusschoolwilton.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=f10c512164d0498d8f3bcfad8ae61d39>

Reading: Changing Spaces- Making Places – a good starting point read this is for a different specification but gives you a good overall introduction to the topic.

<https://pmt.physicsandmathstutor.com/download/Geography/A-level/Notes/OCR/Changing-Spaces-Making-Places/Set-A/Notes%20on%20Changing%20Places,%20Making%20Places%20-%20OCR%20Geography%20A-level.pdf>