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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, literacy is a key skill that is needed to develop your child’s ability as they journey through school. To encourage wider reading, departments have provided suggestions so that pupils can read texts around all subject areas. Some of these texts will help your child to revise or understand the subject further.

This can be reading for purpose or pleasure. To help students choose suitable reading material, below is a list of subject specific texts for KS3 and KS4 pupils.

It’s important to note that the current reading age for all GCSE exams is 16 years. Alongside considering the list below, we advise that pupils frequently seek out other sources of reading material at home such as high quality newspapers. Our school library is also stocked with weekly newspapers and subject focused magazines which are updated frequently, alongside many non-fiction and fiction books which pupils can loan directly from the library.

MATHS

KS3: KS3 Mathematics (CGP) Revision Guide: Higher & Foundation £2.50 (Student Support)
www.bbc.co.uk/education-ks3bitesize
www.mathswatch.co.uk/VLE
www.mymaths.co.uk – Username: Castleford – Password: addition

KS4: GCSE OCR mathematics (CGP) Revision Guide – Foundation & Higher
www.bbc.co.uk/education-ks4bitesize
www.hegartymaths.com
www.mymaths.co.uk – Username: Castleford – Password: addition
 Scientific Calculators £10.00 (Student Support)

ENGLISH

KS3: www.literacyshed.com – Excellent resources / ideas for creative writing
 Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
 The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
 Non-Fiction Articles (Sunday Newspaper Supplements)
Challenging Authors: Mary Shelly, Bronte Sisters, Charles Dickens, Anna Sewell

KS4: www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zr9d7ty - GCSE English Language
www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zxqncwx - GCSE English Literature
 A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
 Romeo & Juliet – William Shakespeare
 An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley
 Blood Brothers – Willy Russell (Musical, not the play)
 Poetry Collections – (Specifically include - War, Conflict & Power)
Challenging Authors: Charlotte Bronte, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Bram Stoker

DRAMA

KS3: The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 ³/₄ - Sue Townsend
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=csfJrcVwP3E (Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Trailer)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptDUGNkPvHY (A 10 Minute Melodrama)
Brecht A Complete Toolkit – Stephen Unwin
Blood Brothers – Willy Russell

KS4: Bouncers – John Godber
Shakers – John Godber
The Crucible – Arthur Miller
Konstantin Stanislavski – An Actor Prepares
Frantic Assembly – Things I know to be true
Frantic Assembly – Complete Book of Devising
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/c008ql15v4yt/theatre>
<https://www.theguardian.com/education/dramaanddance>
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zbckjxs>

PE

KS3: How bad do you Want it? Mastering the Psychology of Mind over Muscle – Matt Fitzgerald
No Nonsense – Joey Barton
Women in Sport: Fifty Fearless Athletes who Played to Win – Rachel Ignatofsky
Achieve the Impossible – Greg Whyte
Billy Slater Autobiography – Billy Slater

KS4: Practice Papers (Purchase through PE)
Edexcel GCSE PE Revision Guide (PE Provide)
BTEC Sport Level 2 Revision Guide (PE Provide)
www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/zxbg39q

RE

KS3: Theo's Odyssey – Catherine Clement
The Coral Island – R.M Ballantyne
My Sister's Keeper – Jodi Piccoult

KS4: Monsters of Men – Patrick Ness
Are you there God? It's me Margaret – Judy Blume
Wolf – Gillian Cross

SCIENCE

KS3: KS3 Science (Collins) Revision Guide: £4.00

KS4: GCSE Separate Science
CGP GCSE Chemistry for AQA (grade 9-1) Revision Guide (£2.75 from Science Dept)
<http://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zsc9rdm>
CGP GCSE Biology for AQA (grade 9-1) Revision Guide (£2.75 from Science Dept)
<http://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z8xtmnb>
CGP GCSE Biology for AQA grade 9-1) Revision Guide (£2.75 from Science Dept)
<http://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7>

Combined Science
CGP GCSE Combined Science for AQA (grade 9-1) Revision Guide (5.50 from the Science Dept)
<http://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/z8r997h>
Download the BBC news app and read the science and environment section

COMPUTING

KS3: <https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/z8mtsbk> (ICT)
<https://www.bbc.com/education/subjects/zvc9q6f> (Computer Science)
www.Teach-ICT.com – Username: wf104JQ – Password: kilobyte3
www.reviseict.co.uk
www.scratch.it.edu
www.code.org
www.microbit.org

COMPUTER SCIENCE

KS4: Edexcel Computer Science (GCSE) Student Book: ISBN = 9781292125886
Edexcel Revision Workbook: ISBN = 9781292131191
www.bbc.com/education/subjects/z34k7ty (Computer Science)
www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology
www.codeacademy.com (Python)
www.senecalearning.com

MUSIC

KS3: www.philharmonica.co.uk/explore/instruments

KS4: www.philharmonica.co.uk/explore/instruments
GCSE Music (AQA) Revision Guide
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music
www.musictheory.net
(A useful introduction to music theory, be aware that this site uses American note names).

GEOGRAPHY

KS3 Illustrated Geography Encyclopedia
Horrible Geography Series
Geography for Dummies
National Geographic Kids (magazine)
Collins – My First Book of the Wonders of the World

KS4 CGP GCSE Geography AQA specification – The Revision Guide
Dictionary of Geography (Oxford Paperback Reference)
Oxford GCSE Geography AQA
Wideworld Magazine
Geography Review
Silent Spring

ART

KS3 **(Year 7)**
A-Z of Artists
Pop Art
How to draw animals
Art materials and techniques
How to create patterns
How to draw portraits
Colour theory
(Year 8)
A-Z of Artists
Perspective
Drawing Architecture
Art materials and techniques
How to draw characters
Tim Burton poems/stories

KS4 **(Year 10)**
A-Z of Artists
Art materials and techniques

(Year 11)

A-Z of Artists

GCSE Bitesize – Art and Design

AQA – Art and Design

TECHNOLOGY

- KS3** Real World Factual books
Inventions etc.
www.Technologystudent.com
www.Design-technology.org
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design
- KS4** Periodicals - Food
Engineering World
www.technologystudent.com

SPANISH

- KS4** ¿Qué cosas dice mi abuela! – Ana Galan
El principito – Antoine de St. Exupéry
www.linguascope.com (beginner and intermediate)

FRENCH

- KS3** Madeline – Ludwig Bemelmans
Crêpes by Suzette – Monica Wellington
Eloise in Paris – Kay Thompson
Le Petit Prince – Antoine de St. Exupéry
www.thefrenchexperiment.com
www.linguascope.com (beginner)
- KS4** The ladies paradise – Émile Zola
Les misérables – Victor Hugo
The Mona Lisa Caper – Rick Jacobson
www.linguascope.com (intermediate)
Zazie in the metro – Raymond Queneau

HISTORY

- KS3** Blitzcat – Robert Westall
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
British History for Dummies – Sean Lang
Horrible History Series
Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass – Frederick Douglass
- KS4** Animal Farm – George Orwell
Anne Frank – Diary
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
Dictionary of World History
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbits – Judith Kerr

MEDIA

- KS4** Empire Magazine
Total Film Magazine
Amateur Photographer Magazine
Black and White Photography Magazine
Outdoor Photography Magazine

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

KS4

Year 10 - You Can Do It – Jill Atkin – Disability
Year 10 - Paralysed – Sherry Ashworth – Disability/Friends
Year 10 - Loving April – Melvin Burgess – Deaf/Dumb
Year 11 - Chocolate Moon – Mary Arrigan – Alzheimers
Year 11 - Bad Company – Catherine MacPhail – Family Problems
Year 11 - Lost Boy – Dave Pelzer – Abuse
BBC news app
www.bbc.co.uk/news/health
Edexcel BTEC First Certificate revision guide – unit 1

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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