

Farmor's School Sixth Form: Course Texts and Suggested Reading

Subject	Textbook(s)/Reading	Lead Teacher Contact Details
Fine Art	There is not a set textbook for this course. Any required reading will be discussed in lessons. A sketchbook will be needed but this again will be discussed in the first lesson.	Mrs T. Parker-Woolway tparker-w@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
Digital Photography	There is not a set textbook for this course. Any required reading will be discussed in lessons as we have produced a booklet of resources for the course. A DSLR camera is essential (not a Bridge camera and, preferably Canon OR Nikon) and an A3 black paged sketchbook will be required for your first lesson.	Mrs S Giles sgiles@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
Biology	<u>OCR AS/A Level Biology A, Pearson, Book 1</u> <u>ISBN- 978-1447990796</u>	Mr A. Rowan arowan@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
Human Biology	This is a new specification. As such, at this time, the board are yet to publish their books. As soon as these are available, we will set up students to access and purchase these texts.	Mr A. Rowan arowan@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
Business Studies	There are two books which cover the material in the first year: WJEC/Eduqas AS/A-Level Year 1: Business Opportunities, Hodder Education ISBN 9781510419865 WJEC/Eduqas AS/A-Level Year 1: Business Functions, Hodder Education ISBN 9781510419872	Mr P. Imeson pimeson@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
Chemistry	<u>A Level Chemistry for OCR A Student Book (OCR A A-Level) Paperback) by Rob Ritchie and Dave Gent</u> Additional resources <i>Resource 1 - <u>Head Start to A' Level Chemistry workbook published by CGP (ISBN: 978-1782942801)</u>. It would be beneficial to work through sections 1-3 and 7-8 in particular in preparation for the first topics taught. Most students who studied Trilogy (double) Science at GCSE level would find it beneficial to work through the whole book.</i> <i>Resource 2 – <u>A' Level Chemistry: Essential maths skills (ISBN: 978-1782944720)</u>. The new A' Level has a Mathematics content of 30% so this booklet would be invaluable to all students, whether they are strong at maths or not. This can be purchased from school in September at a lower price.</i> <i>Resource 3 – <u>A-level Chemistry OCR A Years 1 and 2 Complete Revision and Practice</u></i>	Dr N. Crook ncrook@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

	<p><i>This revision guide is an invaluable aid for reference during the course as well as providing a comprehensive summary of the course during final revision. This can be purchased from school in September at a lower price.</i></p> <p>Resource 4 - <u>A-Level Chemistry OCR A Years 1 and 2 Exam Practice Workbook</u>, <u>includes answers</u> <i>This can be purchased from school in September at a lower price.</i></p> <p>Resources 3 and 4 can be purchased together as a 'bundle'.</p> <p><i>Optional preparatory task: Register as a student with the 'Royal Society of Chemistry'. This has many benefits which you can find out about online.</i></p>	
Computer Science	<p>AQA AS and A Level Computer Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · PM Heathcote and RSU Heathcote · PG Online · ISBN: 978-1-910523-07-0 	<p>Mrs H Bristow</p> <p>hbristow@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Product Design	<p>There is no set reading prior to starting the course. We will be ordering in books that students can purchase through parent pay. We will notify you in September.</p>	<p>Ms M Smith</p> <p>msmith@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Textiles	<p>There is not a set textbook for this course. Required reading will be discussed in lessons and throughout the course. A sketchbook will be required; however this will be discussed in the first lesson.</p>	<p>Miss Craig</p> <p>acraig@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Economics	<p>There is not a required textbook for the course – the different options will be discussed in September.</p> <p>Prior to the course, and throughout it, it is useful to read about current economic affairs on a good quality news site. Useful topics include: oil prices, house prices, inflation, unemployment and GDP.</p>	<p>Mr P. Imeson</p> <p>pimeson@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
English Language and Literature	<p>We'll launch the set texts with you in September, but we would like you to do some preparatory reading of texts which offer interesting background for the texts you'll encounter on the course, and as interesting stories you might not have encountered before: 'Jekyll and Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson,</p>	<p>Ms S. Simmonds</p> <p>ssimmonds@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>

	<p>'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee, and anything you can read about Paris (the city) would be a bonus. Try also to read some quality non-fiction by authors such as Bill Bryson and Maya Angelou.</p>	
English Literature	<p>You will study <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>, <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> and <i>Dracula</i> when you begin in September. Texts will be purchased through school, so we are all using exactly the same edition.</p> <p>However, please follow this link to some suggested reading. We don't expect you to read all or even half of the books on the list but feel free to dip in and try to read at least 2. Suggested Reading List for English Literature doc.doc</p>	<p>Ms S. Simmonds</p> <p>ssimmonds@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Extended Project Qualification	<p>There is not a set textbook for this course. Required reading will be discussed in lessons and with your supervisor, based on your chosen area of research.</p>	<p>Mrs A. Banyard</p> <p>abanyard@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Food Science and Nutrition	<p><u>Certificate in food Science and Nutrition/ Level 3 - (Awarding body WJEC) Anita Tull & Jillian Bryant.</u> <u>ISBN: 978-1-911208-58-7</u></p> <p>It isn't compulsory to buy a copy, but you may wish to have your own copy to help with notes which need to be comprehensive in preparation for your assessment.</p> <p>Watch out for Food related stories in the News - outbreaks of food poisoning, shortages due to weather, food trends, diet and health etc. Keep a record of them – links to stories in a document is ideal.</p>	<p>Mrs A. Cadwallader</p> <p>acadwallader@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
French	<p><u>French : AQA French A Level Year 1 and AS Student Book (Oxford University Press) ISBN : 978-0-19-836688-1</u></p>	<p>Mme. A. Gudefin</p> <p>agudefin@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Geography	<p>AQA A-level Geography Fifth Edition: Hodder Education ISBN: 9781398312548 Instead you could buy the Fourth Edition</p> <p><i>There is also an accompanying:</i> <u>My Revision Notes: AQA A-level Geography: Second Edition: Hodder Education</u> to go with the set text ISBN: 9781398325500 Instead you could buy the Fourth edition if you have the Fourth Edition Textbook</p> <p><i>For further reference it is optional to buy the:</i></p>	<p>Miss Townsend</p> <p>htownsend@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>

	<p>Study Geography Humanities Cambridge University Press</p> <p>AQA A Level & AS Geography Second Edition OUP This has physical and human geography revision guides on it</p>	
Health and Social Care	<p>There is a new specification starting in September and the textbooks haven't been released yet. Once I have seen them, and if I think they will be useful, I will organise a group purchase in September. This usually means I can get a bit of a discount for you too!</p> <p>It would be useful to have watched some related documentary programs on TV, such as Ambulance, One Born Every Minute, and there are some relevant episodes of Panorama too.</p>	<p>Mrs A. Cadwallader</p> <p>acadwallader@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
History	<p>History+ for Edexcel A Level: Communist states in the twentieth century</p> <p>ISBN 13: 9781471837913 Hodder Education</p> <p>There are plenty of second hand books on the market too.</p> <p>THIS IS THE SAME BOOK AS LAST YEAR'S COURSE BUT DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE THAT TIME, SO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT ONE.</p>	<p>Mr J. Speake</p> <p>jspeake@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Core Maths	<p>There is not a set textbook for this course. Any required reading will be discussed in lessons.</p>	<p>Mrs A. Lines</p> <p>alines@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Maths	<p>You will need a copy of both of these books for September. This is the link to Amazon, they can be purchased elsewhere, or you may be able to buy them second hand from past students. Edexcel AS and A level Mathematics Pure Mathematics Year 1/AS ISBN 978-1-292-18339-8</p> <p>Edexcel AS and A level Mathematics Statistics and Mechanics Year 1/AS ISBN 978-1-292-23253-9</p> <p>In addition it would be really useful if you worked through the units here: https://amsp.org.uk/teachers/11-16-maths/transition-to-level-3-maths/essential-skills/</p> <p>They are a chance to work on your algebra and graph skills in preparation for the start of the A level course.</p>	<p>Mrs A. Lines</p> <p>alines@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Further Maths	<p>You may wish to buy the books for Year 1 Further Maths to assist you with your studies, but they will be provided by the school for you to borrow should you prefer.</p>	<p>Mrs A. Lines</p>

	<p><u>*Edexcel AS and A level Further Mathematics Core Pure Mathematics Book 1/AS ISBN 978-1-292-18333-6</u></p> <p><u>*Edexcel AS and A level Further Mathematics Further Mechanics 1 FM1 ISBN 978-1-292-18331-2</u></p> <p><u>*Edexcel AS and A level Further Mathematics Decision Mathematics 1 D1 ISBN978-1-292-18329-9</u></p>	<p>alines@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Media Studies	<p>WJEC/Eduqas Media Studies For A Level Year 1 and AS Student Book – Revised Edition Paperback – 16 Feb. 2023 ISBN 978-1913963286</p> <p><u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eduqas-Media-Studies-Level-Student-dp-1913963284/dp/1913963284/ref=dp_ob_title_bk</u></p> <p>WJEC/Eduqas Media Studies For A Level Year 2 Student Book – Revised Edition Paperback – 24 Aug. 2023 ISBN 978-1913963293</p> <p><u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eduqas-Media-Studies-Level-Student-dp-1913963292/dp/1913963292/ref=dp_ob_title_bk</u></p>	<p>Mrs E. Palmer</p> <p>epalmer@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Music	<p><u>Eduqas AS and A Level Music Study Guide</u> <u>Peter Reynolds, Paula Gardiner, James Reeve, Adrian Colborne, Alun Guy, Eric Phillips, Pwyll ap Siôn,</u> <u>Jan Richards, Tom Pankhurst (Rhinegold)</u> <u>ISBN 978-1785583476</u></p>	<p>Mr J. Driver</p> <p>jdriver@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
PE	<p><u>AQA A level PE 1 Carl Atherton, Symond Burrows, Ross Howitt, Sue Young (Hodder) ISBN 978-147-1-85956-4</u> <u>AQA A level PE 2 Carl Atherton, Symond Burrows, Ross Howitt, Sue Young (Hodder) ISBN 978-147-1-85959-5</u></p> <p><u>AQA A Level PE Revision Notes</u></p>	<p>Mr P. Hockey</p> <p>phockey@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Politics	<p><u>Pearson Edexcel A level Politics SECOND EDITION</u> ISBN 13: 9781398369160</p>	<p>Mr J. Speake</p> <p>jspeake@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</p>
Physics	<p><u>Hodder AQA A Level Physics ISBN 978 1471 807732</u></p>	<p>Mr D. Tatlow</p>

	<p><u>New A-Level Physics: AQA Year 1 & 2 Complete Revision & Practice with Online Edition (CGP A-Level Physics)</u></p> <p><u>New A-Level Physics: AQA Year 1 & 2 Exam Practice Workbook - includes Answers (CGP A-Level Physics)</u></p> <p>Physics – Looking for more?</p> <p>You might be interested in purchasing the A level Daily Workout Series booklets from:</p> <p><u>Daily Workbooks/Physics online</u> - This site also has free downloads and other stuff you may find useful.</p>	<p><u>dtatlow@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</u></p>
Psychology	<p>To start the A Level Psychology course, you need to have a copy of both the Year 1 and Year 2 textbook. This is because we teach some Year 2 content at the start of Year 1.</p> <p>In the past we have said that second-hand books are more than fine, however this year there is a significant change to the specification, where lots of the course has been removed or changed, as well as new material added, making the previous 5th Edition out of date.</p> <p>Therefore, this year, all students need the new 6th Editions of the Oxford publishing textbooks (the ones with the pink cat and blue dog on them). We realise this presents a significant financial upfront for the course, so any issues with securing textbooks please get in touch with myself or Mr Robins (<u>krobins@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</u>).</p> <p>Please take care and check the ISBN when ordering to avoid ordering a similar but wrong book that you will have to change. I have included links below to the Amazon pre-order pages, however, feel free to shop around to find the best price. As this is a new specification, both textbooks are currently only available to pre-order, and will ship when published. You will also need an A4 Cornell notes style notebook. These are readily available on Amazon for around £5 in a variety of colours -</p> <p><u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cornell-Notebook-Notebook</u></p> <p><u>AQA The Complete Companions: A Level Year 1 and AS Psychology Student Book (6th Edition)</u></p> <p>ISBN: 978-1382071840</p> <p>Shipping 14th July 2025</p> <p><u>AQA The Complete Companions: A Level Year 2 Psychology Student Book (6th Edition)</u></p> <p>ISBN: 978-1382071871</p> <p>Shipping 17th November 2025</p>	<p>Ms Kit Taylor</p> <p><u>Ktaylor@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</u></p>

Sociology	<p>To start the A-level Sociology course, you need to have a copy of both of the following textbooks. The hyperlinks take you to Amazon.com (second hand is fine, so long as it is the 5th edition), but you may prefer to purchase the books from another source or get second-hand books from past students.</p> <p><u>Sociology for AQA Volume 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level, 5th Edition</u></p> <p><u>Sociology for AQA Volume 2: 2nd-Year A Level, 3rd Edition</u></p> <p>Please read chapter 1 in Sociology for AQA Volume 1. This will give you an introduction to what sociology is and some of the main key terms, ideas and sociological approaches we cover at A-level.</p>	<p>Mr K. Robins</p> <p><u>Krobins@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk</u></p>