



# WOODBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Subject Reading List

GCSE

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## Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer,

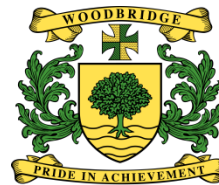
Please find enclosed a reading list for each of your child's GCSE subjects. Experience tells us that wider reading can make all the difference in enabling students to access the higher grades at GCSE. We would encourage you to ensure that your child does as much reading as possible to support what they cover in lessons.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance should you need any further advice.

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# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## English Language and English Literature



### Books / Newspapers

+ means an easy read; \* means a challenge; \*\* means really challenging

#### MODERN FICTION

Margaret Atwood – *Cat's Eye*  
 Kate Atkinson – *Behind the scenes at the Museum*  
 J D Ballard – *Empire of the Sun*  
 Bernardine Evaristo – *Girl, Woman, Other*  
 Aiden Chambers – *Postcards from No Man's Land* +  
 Roddy Doyle – *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha!*  
 Jane Gardam – *Bilgewater* +  
 Phillipa Gregory – *The Other Boleyn Girl*  
 Mark Haddon – *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* +  
 Charlie Higson – *The Enemy* series +  
 Nick Hornby – *About a Boy* +  
 Kasuo Ishiguro – *Never Let Me Go*  
 Joan Lindsay – *Picnic at Hanging Rock*  
 Yann Martel – *The Life of Pi*  
 Alexander McCall Smith – *The Number One Ladies' Detective Agency* +  
 Mark Mills – *The Savage Garden*  
 David Nicolls – *One Day* +  
 Ann Patchett – *Bel Canto*  
 Mal Peet – *Life – An Unexploded Diagram* +  
 Stef Penney – *The Tenderness of Wolves*  
 Meg Rosoff – *How I Live Now* +; *Just in Case*; *The Bride's Farewell*  
 Sally Rooney – *Normal People*  
 Bernard Schlink – *The Reader*  
 Diane Setterfield – *The Thirteenth Tale*  
 Dodie Smith – *I Capture the Castle* +  
 Muriel Spark – *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*  
 Donna Tartt – *The Secret History*  
 Sarah Waters – *The Little Stranger*  
 John Wyndham – *The Chrysalids*

#### CLASSICS

Jane Austen – *Pride and Prejudice*, *Persuasion* \*  
 Anne Bronte – *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* \*  
 Emily Bronte – *Wuthering Heights* \*  
 Charles Dickens – *A Tale of Two Cities* \*  
 Daphne Du Maurier – *Rebecca*  
 F Scott Fitzgerald – *The Great Gatsby* \*  
 F. Scott Fitzgerald – *A Diamond as Big as The Ritz*  
 Stella Gibbons – *Cold Comfort Farm*  
 Graham Greene – *The End of the Affair*  
 Thomas Hardy – *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* \*  
 Harper Lee – *To Kill a Mockingbird*  
 George Orwell – *Nineteen Eighty-Four*  
 Erich Maria Remarque – *All Quiet on the Western Front*  
 J D Salinger – *The Catcher in the Rye*  
 John Steinbeck – *The Red Pony*; *The Grapes of Wrath*  
 Leo Tolstoy – *Anna Karenina* \*\*  
 Evelyn Waugh – *Brideshead Revisited* \*  
 Edith Wharton – *The Age of Innocence* \*

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Maya Angelou – *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Andrea Ashworth – *Once in a House on Fire*

Vera Brittain – *Testament of Youth*

Jung Chang – *Wild Swans*

Frank McCourt – *Angela's Ashes*

Michele Obama - *Becoming*

Lorna Sage – *Bad Blood*

Lemn Sissay – *My Name is Why*

Malala Yousafzai – *I am Malala*

Akala – *Natives*

Trevor Noah – *Born a Crime*

**Please also remember to read articles that interest you from local and national newspapers**

## Websites

[www.Englishbiz.co.uk](http://www.Englishbiz.co.uk)

[www.universalteacher.co.uk](http://www.universalteacher.co.uk)

<http://aspirations.english.cam.ac.uk/converse/home.acds>

<http://www.literature-study-online.com>



### Books / Newspapers

#### **The Mathematics of Ciphers by S.C. Coutinho**

Interesting exploration into the different types of codes and CYPHERS used throughout history. Is a very good GENERAL MATHS BOOK, covering elements of basic number theory, physics (potential of photon money!), statistics (frequency Analysis) and computing.

#### **In Code by Sara Flannery**

#### **A History of Mathematics by Carl B. Boyer**

#### **Infinity: The Quest to Think the Unthinkable by Brian Clegg**

This is definitely one of the better books on the subject. A chronological biography of the concept of infinity, from Greeks to present day. Says MrMathsGenius.

#### **E, the Story of a Number by Eli Maor**

#### **The Emperor's New Mind by Roger Penrose**

#### **The Mathematical Universe by William Dunham**

#### **The Wonders of Numbers by Clifford Pickover**

#### **From Here to Infinity by Ian Stewart**

#### **The Art of the Infinite: Our Lost Language of Numbers by Robert Kaplan**

#### **What is Mathematics? by Richard Courant, Herbert Robbins and Ian Stewart**

#### **Flatterland by Ian Stewart**

Fantastic take on a 19th century book about different geometries, starts by explaining 4d by exploring the way our 3d world would look to a 2d or 1d person!

#### **The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure by Hans Magnus Enzensberger**

An entertaining book, and certainly one for younger people looking for some interesting, yet accessible, mathematics.

#### **Art of the Infinite by Kaplan**

More mainstream, targeted at expanding mathematical awareness. Certainly, a good read for those who have perhaps gained Mathmophobia! MrMathsGenius.

#### **Imagining Numbers: Particularly the Square Root of Minus Fifteen by Barry Mazur**

Mazur takes the scenic route to complex numbers, via a deep exploration of their history and a brief tour of the science of the imagination. A readable book.

#### **A Very Short Introduction to Mathematics by Timothy Gowers**

Tiny, incredibly dense book written by a Fields Medallist. It provides a great jumping off point for further independent reading around maths, and a glimpse of the character of 'real maths'.

#### **Linear Algebra Step by Step by Singh.**

It has complete solutions to all the problems in the book.

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Science



### Books / Newspapers

- Blame my brain: The amazing teenage brain revealed (Nicola Morgan)
- What's Biology about? (Hazel Maskell)
- What's Chemistry about? (Alex Frith)
- What's Physics about? (Fate Davies)
- Science vs Climate Change (Nick Hunter)
- Stargazing for beginners (Jenny McLachlan)
- Mars rover driver (Scott Maxwell)
- The Martian (Andy Weir) - Young Reader's Edition
- Hidden Figures (Margot Lee Shetterly) - Young Reader's Edition
- Women in Science (Rachel Ignatofsky)
- Elon Musk and the Quest for a Fantastic Future (Ashlee Vance) - Young Reader's Edition

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Art



### Books / Newspapers

As a practical and visual subject the best thing students can do is to regularly visit galleries and exhibitions. However, there are some really good books, websites and magazines which students can read to keep abreast of the contemporary Art world.

#### Galleries:

- Tate Modern
- Tate Britain
- The Royal Academy
- The Saatchi Gallery
- The Hayward Gallery
- The Serpentine Gallery
- The National Portrait Gallery
- Whitechapel Gallery
- The Barbican Centre

#### Books:

- Contemporary Art: A very short introduction – Julian Stallabrass
- Modern Art: A very short introduction – Julian Stallabrass
- Art History: A very short introduction – Julian Stallabrass
- Why your five year old could not have done that: Modern Art explained – Susie Hodge

#### GCSE / A level magazines: Order online

- <http://www.artmonthly.co.uk/>
- <http://www.frieze.com/magazine/>

#### Websites:

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/>  
<http://www.artnews.com/>  
<https://www.artforum.com/>  
<http://theconversation.com/uk>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Business



### Books / Newspapers

AQA GCSE (9-1) Business, Second Edition: (AQA GCSE 9-1) by Malcolm Surridge and Andrew Gillespie  
GCSE Business AQA Revision Guide - for the Grade 9-1 Course (CGP GCSE Business 9-1 Revision)  
Financial Times  
Guardian  
Independent  
Times  
Telegraph  
The Week  
Business Review

### Websites

BBC Business  
Business Studies Online  
Financial Times  
Guardian  
HM Treasury  
Institute of Fiscal Studies  
New York Times  
Office for National Statistics  
Telegraph  
Tutor2U  
UNDP  
World Bank  
BBC Bitesize/Business  
BusinessEd

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Computer Science



### Books, Newspapers and Websites

Cs4fun.org  
Written by Prof Paul Curzon – lots of articles about computer science and written magazine published every 6 months  
  
Problem Solving with Flowcharts & a little flavour of Programming with Python  
Written by Achla Agarwal, Krishna Agarwal, Laura Gladrich, Mark Gladrich  
  
CodeAcademy.com/courses/learn-sql  
Online tutorials to read and practise SQL database programming  
  
My Revision Notes OCR Computing for GCSE Computer Systems and Programming  
By Sean O'Byrne & George Rouse



## Design & Technology: Graphics Pathway

### Books / Newspapers

Textbook: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology ISBN: 978-1-292-18458-6

The Future Architect's Handbook ISBN: 978-1-7643-4676-7`

Interior Design Drawing ISBN: 978-1-84797-016-9

Deconstructing Product Design ISBN: 978-1-59253-739-6

Material Matters – New Materials in Design ISBN: 978-1-907317-73-6

Making It – Manufacturing Techniques for Product Design ISBN: 978-1-85669-749-1

Graphic product design: an international selection of the best in product design ISBN: 13: 978-1888001334

This end up: original approaches to packaging design ISBN: 13: 978-2880466480

## Design & Technology: Product Design Pathway

### Books / Newspapers

Textbook: Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology ISBN: 978-1-292-18458-6

Making It – Manufacturing Techniques for Product Design ISBN: 978-1-85669-749-1

Deconstructing Product Design ISBN: 978-1-59253-739-6

Material Matters – New Materials in Design ISBN: 978-1-907317-73-6

Alessi: art and poetry. ñ (Cutting Edge) ISBN-13: 978-0823011452

Childata: The Handbook of Child Measurements and Capabilities: Data for Design Safety ISBN 0952257114, 9780952257110

Design modelling: visualising ideas in 2D and 3D ISBN-13: 978-0340663394

Designing the 21st century ISBN-13: 978-3822848029

Icons of design: the 20th Century ISBN-13: 978-3791331737

Memphis ISBN-13: 978-0500019009

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Drama



### Books / Newspapers

It is essential to your study that you actively read play texts and visit the theatre. The set text for your qualification is DNA by Dennis Kelly. The other texts listed will be used throughout your course of study and may enhance your knowledge.

The IT – Vivienne Franzmann

WJEC/EDUQAS GCSE Drama-Garry Nicholas

So you want to Tread the Boards... Jennifer Reishel

Theatre in Practice A Student's Handbook- Nick O'Brien, Annie Sutton

Stanislavski in Practice- Nick O'Brien

The Complete Brecht Tool Kit- Stephen Unwin

Metamorphosis - Steven Berkoff

Stage Lighting Design: The Art, The Craft, The Life- Richard Pilbrow

Stage Management: The Essential Handbook- Gail Pallin

The Staging Handbook (Stage and Costume) (Backstage)-Francis Reid

Stage Lighting: Step-by-step: Basic Techniques to Achieve Professional Results (Backstage)- Graham Walters

Costumes for the Stage: A Complete Handbook for Every Kind of Play (Backstage)-Sheila Jackson

The Excellent Audition Guide- Andy Johnson

The Monologue Audition - A Practical Guide for Actors- Karen Kohlhaas

Shakespeare Monologues for Young Women- Luke Dixon

Shakespeare Monologues for Young Men- Luke Dixon

The Methuen Drama Book of Monologues for Young Actors- Anne Harvey and Jane Lapotaire

The Oxford Dictionary of Plays- Michael Patterson

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## French



### Course Books and Wider Reading

FOR KS4 STUDENTS: Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French, Second Edition, REVISION WORKBOOK ISBN 9781292142177

Studio Edexcel GCSE (9-1) French Grammar and Translation Workbook, Stuart Glover ISBN 9781292132990

Revise Edexcel French Revision Guide and Revision Workbook ISBN **1292412151** and ISBN **1292412178**

Paroles, Jacques Prévert

Le Petit Prince, Antoine de Saint Exupéry

Le Petit Nicolas, René Goscinny

Calligrammes, Apollinaire

We have a selection of 'Easy Readers' designed for students of French. Ask your teacher!

### Websites

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) : for grammar exercises in French

<https://conjuguemos.com/> : for grammar exercises in several languages

<http://apprendre.tv5monde.com/> : for authentic texts and exercises

[www.nrj.fr](http://www.nrj.fr) Music radio – choose nrj French for French language songs only

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) - vocab learning site. You can create your own flashcards to learn vocab set by your teacher or you can access flashcards already made – your teacher will give you the link as and when it's needed.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zhkvkhv> - French – Edexcel for exams from 2025

[www.lyricstraining.com](http://www.lyricstraining.com) Interactive listening with music videos. You watch the video, read the lyrics and fill in the gap in the text given.

<https://fr.maryglasgowplus.com/students/features> - Interesting articles on youth culture and current affairs, written for British learners of French. Under magazines, choose 'Chez nous' Intermédiaire'

### Films – Search for French films on your streaming platform. Enable the French audio and then enable English subtitles – Excellent listening practice!

Le Fabuleux Destin d'Amélie Poulain

La Haine

Les Choristes

Indigènes

Paris Je t'aime

Entre les Murs

La Môme (La Vie en Rose)

Le Gamin Au Vélo

Deux Jours Une Nuit

See also recent additions to Netflix

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Geography



### Books / Newspapers

Ross, S et al *GCSE Geography AQA (Oxford)*

Widdowson, J et al *AQA GCSE (9-1) Geography (Hodder)*

Kitchen, R and Payne, D *GCSE Geography for AQA Student Book*

CGP, *New Grade 9-1 GCSE Geography AQA Complete Revision & Practice*

*The Geographical Review (Magazine)*

Nagle, G *Access to Geography: Rivers and Water Management*

Bird, E *Beach Management*

Selvon, S *The Lonely Londoners*

Smith, Z *White Teeth*

Cresswell, T *On the Move: Mobility in the modern world*

Urry, J *Mobilities*

Brown L, McNaught J and Hardwick J and Chaffey J. *The Great Transition - Shifting from Fossil Fuels to Solar and Wind Power*

Skinner, M *Access to Geography: Hazards*

### Websites

<https://www.rgs.org/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/>

<https://twitter.com/WHSGeography>

<http://www.geographypods.com/>

<https://www.mooc-list.com/>

### Documentaries/TV

*Into the Inferno*

*Abstract: The Art of Design*

*Human Planet*

*Living on one Dollar*

*Virunga*

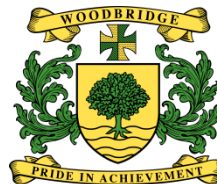
*More Than Honey*

*Food, Inc.*

*5 Broken Cameras*

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## German



### Books / Newspapers

*New Penguin Parallel Texts Short stories in German*, Ernst Zillekens

*Five Great German Short Stories: A Dual Language Book*, Stanley Appelbaum

"Any student of German language or literature will welcome this concise anthology as a superb language-learning aid and as a repository of great short fiction."

*Crazy*, Benjamin Lebert

*tschik*, Wolfgang Herrndorf

*Das Tagebuch der Anne Frank*, Anne Frank

### Websites

<http://www.deutsch-lernen.com/learn-german-online>

This website has **German exercises** in three levels. You can interactively and independently test your progress and apply **German** grammar rules. For each **German** lesson you can find graded **German exercises** in the levels 'easy', 'medium' and 'difficult ...

<https://www.goethe.de/prj/dfd/en/home.cfm>

Learn **German** together free of charge: Browse tutorials by language ability level and topic, and add them to your own learning list. ... **Practise** vocational **German**. ... Learn **German** on the go with the Goethe-Institut's vocabulary trainer app.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/>

Online lessons with audio, games, vocabulary, grammar explanations and **exercises**.

<http://german.net/>

Learn the **German** language by **practising** vocabulary, phrases, grammar **exercises** and verb conjugation with free online learning resources.

<http://www.learning-german-online.org/listening-comprehension>

A website to practise listening skills. Choose the appropriate language level, then on the menu item "Hören" to find the listening **exercises**. The **website** is in **German**, so you will need basic **German** ...

<http://www.dw.com/en/learn-german/s-2469>

A good website to practise listening skills. Includes lots of short video clips for learners of all levels.

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk>

A good website to practise grammar and vocabulary.

[www.dict.cc](http://www.dict.cc)

For looking up new words.

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

For vocabulary practice

<https://www.duolingo.com>

A fun and easy way to learn/revise German.

### Films

Der ganz große Traum

Berlin 1936

Das weiße Band

Der Untergang (Downfall)

Die Fetten Jahre sind vorbei (The Edukators)

Sonnenallee

Sophie Scholl

Goodbye Lenin

Die Welle

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Health & Social Care and Child Development



### Books / Newspapers

#### Books

Mark Walsh GCSE Health and Social Care 2009 (Collins)  
 Fisher et al GCSE Health and Social Care 2009 (Oxford University Press)  
 Haworth & Ashton GCSE Health and Social Care 2009 (Pearson)  
 Fisher et al GCSE Health and Social Care 2003 (Folens)  
 Mark Walsh BTEC First Health and Social Care 2010 (Harper Collins)  
 Haworth et al BTEC First Health and Social Care 2010 (Pearson)  
 Mark Walsh BTEC National Health and Social Care 2011 (Harper Collins)  
 Mark Walsh AS/A2 Health and Social Care 2005 (Collins)  
 Stretch and Whitehouse BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care 2010 (Pearson)

#### Newspapers

The Guardian (for general Health and Education news, plus Education supplement of Tuesdays and Society supplement on Wednesdays).

### Websites

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk/health>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education>  
<http://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z9ddmp3>  
<http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Health-and-social-care>  
<http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/default.aspx>

### Films

TV Programmes such as;

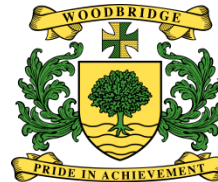
Trust me I'm a Doctor  
 Panorama  
 Eat well for Less  
 An hour to save your life  
 Dispatches  
 The secret life of 4 year olds

And other factual programmes and documentaries that cover health, wellbeing and social care issues.

It is also important to watch the news regularly to develop an understanding of the social and political context within which Health, Social Care and Early Years practitioners are working.

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## History



### Books / Newspapers

#### Textbooks:

'Hodder GCSE History for edexcel- Early Elizabethan England 1558-88  
 Hodder GCSE History for Edexcel: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91  
 Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939 (EDEXCEL GCSE HISTORY (9-1) Paperback  
 Hodder GCSE History for Edexcel: Crime and punishment through time, c1000-present

#### Books

##### Paper 1: Crime and Punishment

*Crime and Punishment in England: A Sourcebook*, Andrew Barrett  
*Derek William Bentley 'A victim of British justice?'* [www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/Bentley](http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/Bentley) Detailed account of the Bentley case.  
*East End 1888*, William J. Fishman Detailed text providing useful background for students on conditions in the East End at the time of the Whitechapel murders.  
*Victorian England*, Liza Picard Victorian London covers everything from rag-gatherers to royalty and fish knives to freemasons as it explains how ordinary people lived in this important time.  
*The Five* by Hallie Rubenhold it explores the lives of the victims of Jack the Ripper and disproves what we think of these women.  
*Execution: A History Of Capital Punishment In Britain*, Simon Webb

##### Paper 2: The Cold War

*The Origins of the Cold War 1941-1949- 3rd edition*, Martin McCauley- suitable for students aiming for grade 9  
*How did it happen? The Cold War*, Paul Hamson-  
*Timelines- The Cold War* R.G Grant  
*The Cold War*, David Taylor  
*The USSR since 1945*, Elizabeth Campling Hodder Twentieth Century History: The Cold War & After  
*Stasiland*, Anna Funder

##### Paper 2: Elizabethan England

*Elizabeth, The Queen* Alison Weir  
*Elizabeth I (WOMEN IN HISTORY)*, Lady Anne Somerset  
*Access to History: Elizabeth I Meeting the Challenge: England 1541-1603*, John Warren  
*Elizabeth, Apprentice*, David Starkey  
*A time travellers guide to Elizabethan England*, Ian Mortimer

##### Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany

*The Rise of Hitler*, Nathaniel Harris  
*Surviving Hitler* Andrea Warren  
*Days of Decision-Hitler and Kristallnacht*, Andrew Langley  
*Hitler's Third Reich*, Ian Westwell  
*The Weimar Years: Rise and Fall 1918-1933*, Frank McDonough

### Websites

[www.bitesize.co.uk](http://www.bitesize.co.uk)  
[www.thehistorylearningsite.co.uk](http://www.thehistorylearningsite.co.uk)  
[www.bbchistory.co.uk](http://www.bbchistory.co.uk)  
<http://tudorhistory.org/>  
<http://www.historytoday.com/archive/period/tudor>  
<http://www.theanneboleynfiles.com/resources/tudor-history-courses/>  
<http://www.historyonthenet.com/tudors/tudorsmain.htm>  
<http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cold-war-history>  
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/coldwar/>  
<http://www.nationalcoldwarexhibition.org/schools-colleges/national-curriculum/space-race/>  
<http://spartacus-educational.com/>  
<http://www.johndclare.net/>

## Films

### Films/ TV shows

#### Paper 1: Crime and Punishment

Let him have it.

Gunpowder (BBC drama) Dramatised version of the Gunpowder plot – excellent for the case study- get adult permission to watch as quite violent in places.

Rillington Place (BBC drama) Dramatised version of the life and prosecution of Timothy Evans. A case study as to why the death penalty was abolished.

#### Paper 2: Elizabethan England

Elizabeth

Elizabeth: The Golden Age

#### Paper 2: The Cold War

The spy who came in from the cold

Goodbye Lenin!

Thirteen Days

Deutschland 83- a German language tv series about Berlin in the Cold War.

#### Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany

Rise of Evil

### Documentaries

#### Paper 1

The Incredible Journey of Mary Bryant (2005) Film based on the life of Mary Bryant. Opening scenes useful for reasons for transportation. Clips can be found on YouTube.

Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot (BBC) Documentary covering Gunpowder Plot useful for lower ability. Clips can be found on YouTube.

Tony Robinson's Crime and Punishment (Channel 4, 2008) Looks at crimes and punishments from the Middle Ages to twentieth century. Aimed at middle/higher ability. Clips can be found on YouTube.

Storyline – Derek Bentley (ITV, 1993) Documentary. Useful info on the earlier aspects of the case. Can be found on YouTube.

Crime & Punishment – The story of capital punishment (BBC) Available on youtube

Jack the Ripper: The Whitechapel Murders by Timelines TV Available on Youtube

Vic Reeves Investigates Jack the Ripper Available on Youtube. Investigation into the murders and key suspects in the Jack the Ripper case. Shows the Whitechapel area and the problems faced by police.

#### Paper 2

Elizabeth documentary, David Starkey. 4 episodes. Available on Youtube,

Armada 12 days to save England, Dan Snow. Available on Youtube.

Cold War, BBC documentary, 24 episodes. Available on Youtube

#### Paper 3

Rise of the Nazis. Available on BBC iPlayer.

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Media Studies



### Books / Newspapers

Official text book:  
WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Media Studies: Student Book by Hayley Sheard

**\*Recommended to buy\***

WJEC/Eduqas GCSE Media Studies: Revision Guide, Hayley Sheard (2018) Illuminate Publishing  
ISBN – 978-1-911208-89-1

The Media Student's Book, Gill Branston, Roy Stafford (2010) Routledge; 5th edition  
ISBN - 978-0415558426

### Websites

Eduqas website: [https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/#tab\\_keydocuments](https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments)

**Magazine industry:**

[www.nrs.co.uk](http://www.nrs.co.uk) National Readership Survey  
[www.condenast.co.uk/](http://www.condenast.co.uk/) Conde Nast Britain  
[www.bauermedia.co.uk/brands](http://www.bauermedia.co.uk/brands) Bauer Media  
[www.hearst.co.uk/](http://www.hearst.co.uk/) Hearst Magazines UK

**Film Industry:**

[www.bfi.org.uk](http://www.bfi.org.uk) The British Film Institute  
[www.launchingfilms.com](http://www.launchingfilms.com) Film Distributor's Association UK  
[www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) the Internet Movie Database  
[www.hollywoodreporter.com](http://www.hollywoodreporter.com) the Hollywood Reporter  
[www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk) the British Board of Film Classification

**Music Industry:**

[www.musicweek.com](http://www.musicweek.com) Music Week magazine  
<http://www.hypebot.com/> hypebot

**General:**

<https://creativeskillset.org/> Creative Skillset  
[www.everydaysexism.com](http://www.everydaysexism.com) The Everyday Sexism Project  
[www.amysmartgirls.com](http://www.amysmartgirls.com) Amy Poehler's Smart Girls  
[www.mediaknowall.com](http://www.mediaknowall.com) Media theories online

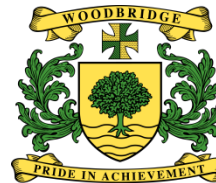
### Films

Miss Representation (Jennifer Siebel Newsom, 2011)

The Mask You Live In (Jennifer Siebel Newsom, 2015)

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## Music



### Books / Newspapers

Howard Goodall, (The Story of Music)  
Roy Bennett, (History of Music)  
Simon Broughton and Mark Ellingham, (Rough Guide to World Music)  
Mervyn Cooke (A History of Film Music)  
Christopher Binns (Composing: A Student Guide)

OCR - GCSE Music Study Guide | Complete Exam Preparation for Performing Composing and Appraising |  
Essential Music Revision Book for GCSE 9 to 1 Specification | Study Resource  
Paperback: 192 pages  
Publisher: Rhinegold Education; UK ed. edition (19 Sept. 2016)  
ISBN-13: 978-1785581595

OCR GCSE Music Revision Guide for Students  
Essential Music Revision Book for GCSE 9 to 1 Specification | Study Resource  
Paperback: 80 pages  
Publisher: Rhinegold Education; UK ed. edition (15 May. 2017)  
ISBN-13: 978-1785581618

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Physical Education



### Books / Newspapers

OCR GCSE PE Textbook 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
Paperback: 256 pages  
Publisher: Hodder Education; UK ed. edition (24 Jun. 2016)  
ISBN-13: 978-1471851728

OCR GCSE PE Revision Book  
Paperback: 80 pages  
Publisher: Hodder Education (25 Aug. 2017)  
ISBN-13: 978-1510405257

### Websites

Brain Mach <http://www.brianmac.co.uk/index.htm>

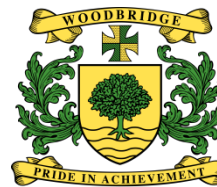
GCSE Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.com/education/examspecs/ztrcg82>

Department for media, culture and sport - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

Sport England - <https://www.sportengland.org/>

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Psychology



### Books / Newspapers

The Lucifer Effect by Zimbardo  
 The Memory Illusion by Dr Julia Shaw  
 Forever Today by Debra Wearing  
 Opening Skinner's box by Lauren Slater  
 The Bigamist by Mary Thompson  
 The Psychopath Test by Jon Ronson  
 The Man who wouldn't stop by David Adam  
 The Brain Story of you by David Eadleman  
 Trick or Treatment by Singh and Ernst  
 Pioneers of Psychology by Raymond Fancher  
 Couple Relationship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by J Gabb and J Fink  
 Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman  
 The Social Animal Eleventh Edition by Elliot Aronson  
 The Perception of People and Events by Peter Warr  
 Making up the Mind by Chris Frith  
 The Extended Phenotype by Richard Dawkins  
 Beyond Happiness: Deepening the Dialogue between Buddhism, Psychotherapy and Mind Sciences by Gay Watson  
 Something Happened by Joseph Heller  
 An Unquiet Mind by Kay Jamison  
 Malignant Sadness: The Anatomy of Depression by Lewis Wolpert  
 The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath  
 The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night Time by Mark Haddon  
 The Woman Who Thought Too Much (OCD) by Joanne Limburg

### Student revision guides

OCR GCSE (9-1) Psychology Paperback – 30 Jun 2017 by [Mark Billingham \(Author\)](#), [Helen Kitching \(Author\)](#)

### Films

12 Angry Men  
 Rain Man  
 Side Effects

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## Religious Education



### Books / Newspapers

**Core Textbooks**  
 GCSE Religious Studies for Edexcel B: Religion and Ethics through Islam Waqar Ahmad Ahmedi  
 GCSE Religious Studies for Edexcel B: Religion, Peace and Conflict through Christianity Sarah Tyler  
 REVISE Edexcel GCSE Religious Studies B, Christianity and Islam Revision Guide ISBN 978-1292148823

### Wider Reading

Philosophy Files Stephen Law  
 A Little History of Religion Richard Holloway

### Websites

BBC Bitesize  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/guide/>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion>

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## Russian



### Books / Newspapers

Collins Pocket Russian Dictionary

Oxford Compact Russian Dictionary

Oxford Russian Grammar and Verbs

Roy Bivon and Terry Culhane - *Russian Language and People*

Heather Amery and Stephen Cartwright – *First Thousand Words in Russian*

Daphne West – Teach Yourself – *Read and Write Russian Script*

Stephen Webber and Tatyana Webber – *Teach Yourself World Cultures: Russia*

Polyglot Planet Publishing – *Learn Russian – Parallel Text – Easy Stories*

### Websites

[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk) : for grammar exercises

<https://conjuguemos.com/> : for grammar exercises in several languages

<http://memrise.com> : great vocabulary learning website

<http://quizlet.com> : practise set lists of vocabulary

<http://duolingo.com> : basic vocabulary and structures

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## Sociology



### Books / Newspapers

These are recommendations and are not compulsory but will help you widen your knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Here is some research supporting that doing sociology is great for job prospects!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-24707507>

#### Books

- Sudhir Venkatesh – Gang Leader for a day
- Russel Brand – Revolution
- Laura Bates – Everyday Sexism
- Owen Jones – Chavs
- Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett – Spirit Level – Why Equality is Better for Everyone
- George Orwell – 1984
- Margaret Atwood - The Handmaid's Tale

#### Online reading

- The Great British Class Survey - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-22000973>
- Sociology Central - <http://www.sociology.org.uk/index.htm>
- BBC Bitesize – Sociology
- BBC News
- The Guardian
- The Times
- The Observer
- The Telegraph
- The Independent
- The Mirror
- The New Statesmen
- The Office of National Statistics

#### YouTube/Documentaries

- The Up Series – YouTube - a study looking at the lives of people every seven years. The first one started when they were seven '7 Up' with the most recent being '56 up'
- Sociology Crash Course – YouTube - channel talking about key sociological ideas
- Growing up poor/Poor Kids – YouTube - BBC documentary about life in the UK for those living in poverty
- BBC Teach – Modern studies section – YouTube – various clips about life in the UK
- Professor Green 'Working Class White Men' – 4 On Demand
- The Family: Teen Stories – 4 on Demand
- Cutting Edge series – 4 on Demand
- The Insider by Reggie Yates – BBC iPlayer
- Stacey Dooley Investigates – BBC iPlayer

#### Films

- I, Daniel Blake
- Pride

# Woodbridge High School GCSE Reading List

## Spanish



### Books / Newspapers

#### Core textbook

- Viva! Edexcel GCSE Spanish Higher Student Book: Rachel Hawks/Christopher Lillington
- Viva! Edexcel GCSE Spanish Foundation Student Book Rachel Hawks/Christopher Lillington

#### Recommended Revision Resources

- VIVA Grammar and Translation Workbook
- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Spanish Revision Workbook: for the 9-1 exams : Vivian Halksworth
- Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Spanish Revision Guide: for the 9-1 exams : Leanda Reeves
- Target Grade 9 Writing Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Spanish Workbook

#### Extra Reading Practice

- Spanish: Short Stories for Beginners: Improve your reading and listening skills in Spanish: Volume 1; Claudia Orea
- Easy Spanish Reader: A Three-part Text , William T. Tardy

### Websites

- [www.mermrise.com](http://www.mermrise.com) Memrise: Ask your Spanish teacher for the link to the WHS Y11 group.
- Duolingo: Good way to revise basic vocabulary.
- [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) : excellent online dictionary
- [www.linguee.es](http://www.linguee.es) : Excellent online comprehensive dictionary, useful for phrases/expressions.
- [www.spanishdict.com](http://www.spanishdict.com) : Excellent online comprehensive dictionary, useful for phrases/expressions & has grammar quizzes to help understand how to better use different tenses.
- [www.es.euronews.com](http://www.es.euronews.com) : basic news articles/clips available in Spanish with English translations.
- EasySpanish Youtube channel.
- [www.spanishlistening.org](http://www.spanishlistening.org) : a great website with lots of different listening exercises and transcription ranging from beginners to advanced.

### Films/TV series (Check age rating before watching).

- Gran Hotel
- Las chicas del cable
- El ministerio del tiempo
- Tiempos de guerra
- Voces inocentes
- Gente de bien
- 100 metros
- Volver (15)
- El labirinto del fauno (15)