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Dear Parents/Carers



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Sixth Form Summer Induction Tasks

We write to update you on your child's conditional offer to join Barr Beacon Sixth Form this September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child into our Sixth Form community and supporting them through the next stage of their academic journey.

In preparation for the new academic year, we are asking all conditional offer holders to complete summer induction tasks for their chosen subjects. These tasks are designed to:

- Introduce your child to key themes and ideas in each subject
- Develop their independent study and research skills
- Encourage wider reading and deeper thinking
- Ensure they are well-prepared for the step up to Sixth Form study

Each subject has set a task that focuses primarily on wider reading and exploration beyond the GCSE curriculum. This may include reading articles, books or journals, watching relevant documentaries or lectures, or producing a short response to a key question or topic. These tasks will provide a foundation for their first lessons in September and will help them make a confident start in each subject.

All induction tasks can be found in this letter. The links provided will take you to the specific wider reading or listening required. Please ensure these tasks are completed. They may be referred to in early lessons and discussed within lessons. Completing these tasks over the summer will help your child transition smoothly into Sixth Form study and demonstrate their commitment to academic excellence.

Please note that you are not expected to buy any books at this stage. Should you struggle to find a copy in your local library or online, please focus on the online tasks.

If you have any questions about the tasks or would like further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact us via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to seeing your child in September.

Yours sincerely

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Subject	Wider Reading Task
English Language and Literature	<p>Non-negotiable minimum - Read the Handmaid's tale by Margaret Atwood. Create a resource for revision that tracks the plot and character development.</p> <p>Extension to get ahead – Read A Streetcar Named Desire (Play) by Tennessee Williams. Create a resource for revision that tracks the plot and character development. Read The Great Gatsby (Novel) by F. Scott Fitzgerald Create a resource for revision that tracks the plot and character development.</p>
Maths	Log in to Dr Frost maths and complete the assigned question packs, using slides and videos to help with any questions you need support with.
Statistics	Log in to Dr Frost maths and complete the assigned question packs, using slides to help with any questions you need support with.
Geography	<p>Human Geography – Global Systems and Global Governance GF464</p> <p>Physical Geography – Water and Carbon Cycles GF542.qxd</p>
History	<p>Weimar & Nazi Germany: https://alphahistory.com/weimarrepublic/world-war-i/</p> <p>https://alphahistory.com/weimarrepublic/germany-in-late-1918/</p> <p>Podcast: https://open.spotify.com/episode/7DSFeo7dTFRFaC5sDdDixT</p> <p>Tudors: https://scholarworks.harding.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1047&context=tenorwatch</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5FsriGn300</p> <p>They should make notes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seizure of power • Consolidation of power • Threats and pretenders • Foreign Policy • Economic actions • Government
Philosophy and Ethics	<p>Wider listening: The Panpsycast – A podcast which shadows the OCR Philosophy, Ethics and Theology course specifically.</p> <p>https://thepanpsycast.com/home</p> <p>https://thepanpsycast.com/episodes-by-category</p>
Sociology	<p>Listen to The Sociology Show Introduction Podcast https://www.spreaker.com/episode/the-sociology-starter-pack-for-new-students--51004209</p> <p>Read the following:</p> <p>https://media.hachettelearning.com/media/medialibraries/hodder/answers-and-extras/sociology/sociology-review/he-socrev-34-1-centrespread.pdf</p> <p>https://media.hachettelearning.com/media/medialibraries/hodder/answers-and-extras/sociology/sociology-review/sociology-review-33-4-centrespread.pdf</p> <p>https://media.hachettelearning.com/media/medialibraries/hodder/answers-and-extras/sociology/sociology-review/sociology-review-33-2-centrespread.pdf</p> <p>Watch the following clips:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlwyNldgJBE</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbTt_ySTjaY</p>
Psychology	<p>Psychodynamic Approach In Psychology</p> <p>The Psychodynamic Approach Reference Library Psychology tutor2u</p> <p>Behaviorism In Psychology</p> <p>Learning Approaches - The Behaviourist Approach Reference Library Psychology tutor2u</p>



Law	https://www.tutor2u.net/law/blog/the-jury-fit-for-purpose-or-do-we-need-to-think-again https://libguides.exeter.ac.uk/caselaw https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/legal-research-and-mooting-skills-programme/law-reports https://thepoliticsteacherorg.thepoliticsteacher.org/how-pressure-groups-exert-influence?utm_source
Chemistry	Students will be reading about Catalysts: Catalysts
Biology	Biology will be reading why immunity decreases as we age. The link is: https://www.sciencejournalforkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/t-cells_article.pdf
Physics	Students will be reading about circuits: https://physicsfact.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/circuit-electricity-i.pdf
Health and Social Care	https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/health-and-social-care-standards/health-and-social-care-standards/ https://www.apax.org.uk/article/6-care-values-health-social-care
Computer Science	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/computer-science-h046-h446-from-2015/ Specification of course OCR AS and A Level by PM Heathcote https://www.pgonline.co.uk/library/seeinside/9781910523056_ocr_alvl_cs.pdf Essential Algorithms for A Level Computer Science by D Hillyard and C Sargent https://www.amazon.co.uk/Essential-algorithms-data-structures-Suitable/dp/B09NRBS8ND
Business	Students are to watch and read the materials and make notes, this can be done on A3 paper as a mind map, revision cards or notes on lined paper. Watch: Unit 3 – Personal Finance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljrv0kzIFXc https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDd4V4QQIFQ Read and make notes: Unit 3 – Personal Finance Summer work Year 12.docx
Sports Science	READ: The role of motivation in the sport performance activities: N:\Documents\Sport Science - Academic Reading 1.docx WATCH: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8COaMKbNrX0 WATCH: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-yQywkad8E



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