

Sixth Form Transition Work



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Dear Year 12 student to be,

Well done on completing your GCSEs. It's now time to look ahead to the next phase of your education. We have put together a few simple tasks for you to complete over the next few weeks when you have an abundance of time to indulge your brains in intellectual stimulation for its own sake. They will keep your mind active, give you a chance to try out some A Level style activities and encourage you to have an informed opinion. Completing these activities will introduce you to new ways of learning and revising which will significantly benefit your ability to meet the rigorous demands of A Levels.

Bring this completed booklet to your first tutor time in September. We will discuss these tasks with you to see what you've found out and to find out a bit more about what makes you tick.

A Levels are undoubtedly more challenging than GCSEs: these simple tasks and the subject specific transition tasks that you will collect on Enrolment Day (or via the Sixth Form webpage) will help you to train your brain and arrive in September ready to make a flying start. We hope that you enjoy completing these activities and can't wait to meet you all in a few weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email priley@holyfamilyschool.uk

Activities to complete:

- 1) **'In the News'** (page 2)
- 2) **Cornell Note Taking** (pages 3 – 4)
- 3) **UCAS and careers** (page 5)

In the News!

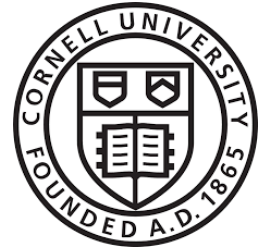


As a young adult in education, you will greatly benefit from following and reading the news. The news and newspapers are a great source of inspiration and creativity, revealing stories and issues from across the world. By frequently exposing yourself to the news, you will develop a more critical mindset, enhancing your ability to debate, discuss and analyse various topics encountered during your A Levels. It will give you contemporary examples that you can reference in your work and during conversations. Increasing your exposure to print media will also enhance your ability to construct arguments, write essays and understand exam command words. With all these benefits in mind, your first task involves researching a news article of your choice and summarising the article.

- 1) Find one news article published between July and August from one of the following newspapers or websites: *The Guardian, BBC News, The Times, The Independent, Financial Times or The Daily Telegraph.*
- 2) Complete the table below. You may want to bring in a copy of your article for tutor time.

Newspaper / Website:
Article Title, Reporter and Date:
Summary of the article:
Why I find the article interesting:
What I think may happen next:

Note taking:



During your A Levels, you will be expected to take a significant number of notes during lesson or as independent revision. Many students struggle to do this in an effective way that helps them revise and prepare for essays. In response, boffins from Cornell University developed a system of note taking that is scientifically shown to improve a student's note taking ability and retention of knowledge. 'The Cornell Note Taking System'.

- 1) Watch the video of how to use the Cornell note taking system.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtW9lyE04OQ>

- 2) Choose a podcast from BBC Radio 4 (this can be selected online or using the BBC Sounds app on your phone) that interests you. Listen to the podcast and take notes on the topic using the Cornell note taking system on the next page.



You can select your own podcast from BBC Radio 4 if none of these appeal to you.

Title:

Main ideas / Key points:

Notes:

Summary:

The Future:
University and Careers



Start to familiarise yourself with the UCAS website. You will be using the UCAS website for the purpose of applying to university and apprenticeships.

- 1) Complete the 'Careers Buzz Quiz' to see what career may suit you. (You'll also find out what career animal you are) <https://www.ucas.com/careers/buzz-quiz>

My career animal =

My suited career =

- 2) Choose one university course you are interested in (for example Law) and find 5 different universities that offer an undergraduate degree in that course. Complete the table below for the entry requirements.

Course =		
	University	Entry Requirements (A Level grades / GCSE grades / UCAS points)
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2		
3		
4		
5		