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Dear Parents/Carers

### Summer Reading and Resources for new Y10 students

To help with the transition to Year 10 at Mulberry UTC we have compiled list of helpful reading materials and resources.

The list below is not compulsory (we do not expect you to go out and buy the books especially), but they could support your child's studies.

▪ **English – to watch**

▶ Shakespeare – The Animated Tales

Getting used to the themes and ideas in Shakespeare's plays will give you a head start for your GCSEs

▶ The clues to a good story

Andrew Stanton (who worked on Wall-E and Toy Story) goes through some of the things which make a great story - there are loads of great ideas in here to help with your creative writing.

▪ **English – to read**

- Things Fall Apart, by Chinua Achebe
- War of the Worlds, by HG Wells ([▶ read online](#))
- To Kill a Mocking Bird, by Harper Lee
- DNA by Dennis Kelly

▪ **Maths**

Watch ▶ Mysterious world of Maths

Looking at why mathematical rules and patterns seem to infiltrate everything in the world around us

▪ **Read**

- The Number Mysteries, by Marcus du Sautoy
- An exploration of surprising ways maths occurs in our everyday lives, centred around five famous unsolved problems in mathematics.

▪ **Science**

- ▶ Watch David Attenborough's Dynasties
- Looking at particular species of animals and how they've adapted over time

▪ ▶ BBC Horizon: Coronavirus Special

- Investigating the scientific facts and figures behind the biggest public health crisis in living memory

▪ **Read**

- The Science Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained
- This is Going to Hurt: Secret Diaries of a Junior Doctor

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- **History – to watch**
  - ► [BBC - 20th Century Battlefields - 1973 Middle East](#)
  - Covers the Yom Kippur War from start to finish concentrating on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts
- ► [Hitler- The Rise of Evil](#)
  - Explores Adolf Hitler's rise and his early consolidation of power during the years after the First World War
- **Read**
  - Catch 22, by Joseph Heller
  - Exploring the History of Medicine, by John Hudson Tiner
  - What's Really Wrong with the Middle East, by Brian Whittaker's
- **Sociology – to watch**
  - A Bug's Life – Useful for illustrating basic Marxist concepts
- **Read**
  - Everyday Sexism, by Laura Bates
  - Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race, by Reni Eddo-Lodge
  - Animal Farm and 1984, by George Orwell

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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