



### Hoe Valley Sixth Form

Dear student,

Over the summer we want you to complete the following tasks below to help you make a successful transition from GCSE to Sixth Form study. Our summer transition work includes the following 3 elements to help you feel like a pro when your sixth form journey begins!

## Preparation

Below are some tasks that will help to introduce you to knowledge required for the start of the course or to consolidate key GCSE level material.

Complete and mark the following - it will activate your prior GCSE knowledge essential for A-Level Biology and should help you to make a confident start.

Transition booklet

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tdG6iq4VszBsmg-gZ0Fj5rfOIA5V8YI/edit?rtpof=true>

Answers

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NR51NCP5o93VEOEqbUc4wU1CZDCwSlgZ>

## Reading

Below is some essential reading material or some titles that will help you to read around your subject and develop a deeper understanding of the subject, a crucial skill for success in the Sixth Form.

Where has all the life on planet Earth come from and what's the point in trying to understand it? This book is essentially the history of Biology and will set the scene for the whole course. It should be a "wow!" read.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Very-Short-History-Life-Earth/dp/1529060583/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1689147025&sr=8-12](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Very-Short-History-Life-Earth/dp/1529060583/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1689147025&sr=8-12)

## Organisation

Below are tasks to help you to be organised with your work when you start in September. You will be completing a huge amount of work and to be successful you must keep on top of everything!

Depending on how you work i.e. paper or using your chromebook, you will need to be prepared to take and effectively store lots and lots of notes from your Biology lessons.

If you prefer to work with pen and paper, which has been proven to make better links between what you're listening to and your long term memory, you'll need lots lined paper, a small ring binder (for the day-to-day notes), a large ring binder (to be kept at home for storing your notes) and lots of dividers (to store your notes by unit).

If you prefer to work in the cloud, you should ensure that you have an A-level Biology folder set up and subfolders with year 1 and 2, followed by the units within each year. You can find the names of the unit in the transition booklet or the AQA website.

Finally, watch this video on effective note taking. What will you try out this year?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7CwqNHn\\_Ns&t=367s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7CwqNHn_Ns&t=367s)

