## A Level BIOLOGY



## To widen your horizons in Biology:

- Watch/listen/read the news on a regular basis, and look out for biology related items.
  - A particularly useful source is BBC News website <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science\_and\_environment</u>.
- Over the course of the summer, choose 3 biology-related news stories, particularly ones that interest you, that have some degree of controversy about them.
  - Write down each issue, and record how the science or biology explains it, and the different arguments for and against aspects of the controversy.
  - Use linked websites to help with the explanations and controversies. <u>https://science.howstuffworks.com</u> and <u>https://www.senseaboutscience.org.uk/category/earth/environment</u> may help with some issues.
  - Bring what you have found to your first A-level Biology lesson. To prepare for A-Level course material and standards, watch some YouTube videos using the link below:-<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8TzddkhvX\_OC8U5SgU0yg/playlists?flow=grid</u> <u>&view=1&sort=lad</u>
  - Check out the Edexcel A-Level course using Seneca: <u>https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/24b961b5-5ffe-4f23-bbe2-0e4ad979cb7b</u>

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- Great books for summer reading (all available on Kindle)
  - The Selfish Gene by Richard Dawkins
  - Bad Science by Ben Goldacre
  - 13 Things That Don't Make Sense by Michael Brooks
  - Creation or Evolution: Do We Have To Choose? By Denis Alexander
  - What Has Nature Ever Done For Us? by Tony Juniper
  - Do No Harm by Henry Marsh (brain surgeon)
  - Get Up! by James A Levine (healthy lifestyle expert)

## Do something different

- \* Put bird food in your garden to see which species are the most aggressive you don't have to only feed them in the winter.
- \* Volunteer to help out at Marwell Zoo or a local conservation organisation.
- \* Take part in a Biology Citizen Science project: https://www.zooniverse.org/projects?discipline=biology&page=1&status=live
- \* Do something for the environment. You could take a bag and collect plastic waste from a beach or on a walk anywhere. It will help you to see just how bad the problem is.