



## How to be September ready for Acting

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In BTEC Acting we explore what it is to be a good (or even great) Actor. We will look at working individually and in groups, we will devise (make) theatre and work from classic texts (scripts). We need to know a little about how Theatre has developed and who has influenced actors and writers, directors and practitioners.

### **Things You can read:**

Credits...seriously, at the end of a movie have a look at who does what. Although we are mainly learning about theatre rather than film or TV there are a lot of crossovers in job roles and who has the responsibility for what.

You could read any play. Have a look at how it is set out. The character names appear on the right hand side of the page. What follows next to their name is what they say. In italics or brackets will be stage directions or instructions to the actor about the dialogue (what the character says or thinks).

### **Things you can watch:**

Theatre ideally but TV and film are useful too. What affects you in what an actor does? Why do you believe them? What is the difference between film and stage?

### **Online Learning sites to try :**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs>

Have a look at this and names of practitioners like Brecht, Berkoff and Stanislavski.

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Our starting point in Art will be 'Natural Forms'. Take some photographs to bring into your first lesson. You could raid the



fridge for interesting fruit and veg, check out the sea creatures at a local fish market, or maybe you are visiting somewhere like a museum or going somewhere on holiday? Take these opportunities to photograph the natural world around you. Then you can use them in lessons to draw from as we develop our visual communication skills.

### Things You can read:

We Are Artists (book) by Kari Herbert

A History of Pictures For Children (book) by David Hockney

### Things you can watch:

Nature. Yes that's right! Just sit quietly somewhere and watch the way the trees sway in the breeze, notice the light on the leaves changing as the sun sets, or the way shadows are cast across the ground. Nature offers many elements to watch.

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The focus of the Autumn Term is Contemporary Dance, you will be developing your skills practically and will be analysing & performing professional repertoire. As part of the unit you will need to understand and be able to write about key skills and techniques from your own and professional work.

Things you can do:

Take part in a professional warm-up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VK2hNMfetE>

Have a go at a Contemporary Technique Class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvodOIFx9Bs>

Work on your kicks and turns: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRTrWc1MsXg>

Learn this contemporary sequence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPj-Rd0c6Uo>

Things you can watch : Professional Dance Works

Motionhouse Scattered: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZO5homZ1d8>

Within Her Eyes (contact duet)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLNxAGDPNVo>

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Design and Technology GCSE is a very broad subject, you will learn lots of theory about how materials, process and products shape and impact our environment.

As well as learning lots of new practical skills, with key wood working techniques, CAD Software, use of 3D printers, Metal work and generally getting to confidently use tools and equipment/ Machinery that will allow you to make and create independently. Don't forget to get your own apron and correct equipment for designing.

#### **Things you can read:**

The Design Thinking Toolbox—a great book with lots of different aspects all of which work great for this course

The Design of Future Things—looking into the future of designing and how real world product design is done

#### **Things you can watch:**

The news, to look at where technology is being advanced and then implemented into our daily lives

Youtubers; Zimri Mayfield, Austin Evans

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The new Cambridge National in Engineering Design helps students understand the processes of engineering design and how market requirements inform client briefs. Through practical activities they develop skills in computer modelling and model making and how to communicate design ideas effectively. We will work with CAD software to make sure the students are industry ready with their skills. They will develop prototypes with 3D printers and dismantle products to see how they are made in the smallest detail.

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Impossible Engineering

Extreme Engineering

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In KS4 English, you will be studying for 2 GCSEs in English Language and English Literature. Your English Literature GCSE will consist of: a 19th Century Text ('Jekyll and Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson); a Shakespeare play ('Romeo and Juliet'); Unseen Poetry; Power and Conflict Poetry; Modern Text ('An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley or 'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell). As well as this, you will also study an American text ('Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck) which does not form part of the GCSE specification but broadens knowledge of the wider world.

#### Things you can read:

- 'Ugly Dogs Don't Cry' or 'All American Boys'
- 'The Woman in Black' 'Jane Eyre', 'Frankenstein' or 'Dracula'
- 'The Twelfth Day of July' or 'Delirium'

#### Things you can watch:

- 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens
- 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare (Baz Lurhman version or National Theatre filmed performance)
- 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B. Priestley (BBC version)

#### Online Learning sites to try:

- Winning Writers—<https://winningwriters.com/resources/category/poetry-and-war>
- <https://chopbard.libsyn.com/category/Romeo+%26amp%3B+Juliet>
- [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk)

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Your English Language GCSE will consist of creative writing, writing non-fiction (speech, letter or article) and understanding, summarising, analysing, evaluating and comparing texts. English Language GCSE is the key to opening many doors to further and higher education. It will equip you with skills to help you progress in a wide range of subjects and will ensure you're a better speaker, listener, reader and writer. Whilst studying the course, you will build your levels of empathy and curiosity, becoming a sensitive and critical thinker.

#### Things you can read:

- BBC news articles
- The Week or The Week Junior
- Autobiographies and biographies of people you admire
- Any fiction that stretches your reading ability.

#### Things you can watch:

Documentaries or podcasts that provoke debate  
e.g. Panorama or Stacey Dooley investigates

#### Online Learning sites to try :

- BBC Bitesize—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>
- <https://thelearningprofession.com/2017/09/10/on-our-weekly-reading-challenge-for-ks4/>
- <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/internet-grammar/exist/list.htm>

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**Whenever you are watching television / film pay close attention to:-**

- What you can see in the frame and where things are placed
- Where the camera is and how it moves
- The sounds and whether these can be heard by the characters or not
- How a scene transitions into the next scene
- How the whole story is structured

**Things you can read:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zq6qsg8/revision>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zwpx39q/revision>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zx6qsg8/revision>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zqdhrdm/revision/3>

<http://www.tasteofcinema.com/2014/15-great-films-with-distinctive-visual-style/>

Any film reviews

**Things you can watch:**

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

The Wizard of Oz

Any James Bond film made before 1990

The Breakfast Club

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**In Year 9 we will cover a wide range of topics in theory lessons, as well as focussing on developing practical skills. Over the summer I would like you to work on your practical skills by cooking as much as you can... it could be helping prepare meals with family, making a whole meal from scratch or baking—whatever you are able to do.**

**Things You can read:**

- Food based magazines such as BBC Good Food, Olive, Delicious...
- Recipe books (and cook things from them!)
- Books 'The Science of Cooking' and 'How Food Works'
- The news—there are often stories related to food, nutrition and health

**Things you can watch:**

- Jimmy's Food Factory (clips) on BBC iPlayer will show you how lots of things you eat are made.
- Cooking programmes such as Great British Bake Off (All4), Masterchef (iPlayer), Saturday Kitchen (BBC1), Sugar Rush (Netflix), Great British Menu (iPlayer)

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Welcome to GCSE Geography. Over the next three years we will go on a journey together looking at the physical and human world around us. Geography will develop a wide range of your skills, including critical thinking, evidence based arguments, earth sciences and investigation processes. We look forward to you joining us!

### Things you can read:

The BIG geography quiz book  
National Geographic: Student World Atlas  
The Ultimate book of Geography crosswords

GCSE Geography AQA Student Book (GCSE Geography AQA 2016) by Simon Ross and Nick Rowles

GCSE Geography for AQA Student Book by Rebecca Kitchen, David Payne

GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide: (CGP GCSE Geography 9-1 revision)

### Things you can watch:

David Attenborough—Plant Earth series

Tropic of Cancer with Simon Reeve

Rainforests—Geography—Ecosystems & Biomes. BBC

### Online Learning sites to try :

Seneca—Geography—AQA. <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Internetgeography.net <https://www.internetgeography.net/>

Coolgeography.co.uk <https://www.coolgeography.co.uk/>

BBCBiteSize. Com <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zkw76sg>

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### Health and Social Care has 3 components:

- Human lifespan development
- Health and social care services
- Health and Well- being

**In Year 9 we cover all 3 component's and in Years 10 and 11 complete coursework for 4 assignments each related to a component. In year 11 you sit one external exam**

### Things you can read:

- Health related books—Collins Health and Social Care level 1&2
- Autobiographies

### Things you can watch:

- Secret life of 4 and 5 year olds
- Educating Essex/Yorkshire

### Online Learning sites to try :

- TED talks on YouTube regarding Health

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We will begin our journey on **Medicine in Britain**. This will cover **Medicine** and the development of it from **Medieval times** to the **20th Century**.

### Things you can read:

**Blood and Guts**-Roy Porter (This is available in Room E if you would like to borrow it)

The Pillars of the Earth – Ken Follett

### Core/Extension:

**The Medical Detective**- Sandra Hempel

**Medical Services in The First World War**- Susan Cohen

**The Medical War: British Military Medicine in the The First World War**- Mark Harrison

**Penicillin Man** - Kevin Brown

### Things you can watch:

Relevant documentaries can be found here, <https://www.mrsshistory.com/gcse/medicine/medicine-documentaries>

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### The main categories of maths are:

- Number
- Ratio and proportion
- Algebra
- Geometry and measure
- Probability and statistics

This is broken down into **22 units over 3 years** and involves **skills, reasoning and problem solving**. To help get your ready for September, there are some videos you could watch to ensure you have the basics of these areas, and some websites to get familiar with as you will be directed to these by your maths teacher at some point at KS4.

### Things you can watch:

- **Multiplying and dividing decimals:** <https://corbettmaths.com/2013/02/15/multiplying-decimals-2/> and <https://corbettmaths.com/2013/02/15/division-by-decimals/>
- **Sharing into a ratio:** <https://corbettmaths.com/2013/03/03/ratio-sharing-the-total/>
- **Forming algebraic expressions:** <https://corbettmaths.com/2013/03/12/forming-algebraic-notation/>
- **Area of compound shapes:** <https://corbettmaths.com/2012/08/02/area-of-compound-shapes/>
- **The OR rule (probability):** <https://corbettmaths.com/2013/06/15/the-or-rule/>
- **GCSE foundation past paper walk-through:** <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/1fjune2017.html>

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Music at KS4 is all about using your instrumental and/or vocal skills alongside learning about a wide range of genres and creating and performing music based on these.

### **Things you can listen to:**

- 50s and 60s Rock and Roll
- Reggae artists such as Bob Marley
- Britpop artists such as Blur and Oasis
- Any film score by John Williams
- Bollywood Bhangra music

### **Things you can watch:**

#### **Score: A Film Music Documentary**

[Score: A Film Music Documentary \(2016\) - IMDb](#)

[The Story of Rock and Roll Documentary](#)

[The Story Of Rock & Roll Part 1 - YouTube](#)

### **Online Learning sites to try :**

**Composing on Band Lab - remember to use the education site you signed up for during lockdown**

[Band Lab for Education | FREE Award-Winning Education Platform](#)

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We will study 2 world religions (Christianity and Judaism) along with 4 ethics units (Families, Crime, Life and Human Rights). You can keep an eye on current affairs and see what is happening in the world around you!

### **Things You can read:**

**The Puzzle of God** (Peter Vardy)

**A Very Short Introduction to Christianity** (OUP)

**Religious Studies Specification A AQA revision guide** (my revision notes)

**BBC News website** – for stories connected to crime/punishment, relationships/families, environment/animals/abortion/euthanasia

### **Things you can watch:**

The News (BBC, ITV, Sky, Channel 4)



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In Year 9 you will be studying the first part of the AQA GCSE Science course. You will study all 3 science subjects, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, in rotation throughout the year. In the first Biology topics you will study cells and cell division. In the first Chemistry topics you will study atoms and the patterns in the periodic table. In the first Physics topics you will study the types of energy and how energy is transferred.

#### Things you can read:

There are some really good new books in the library that you can read called Super Simple Biology, Chemistry and Physics by Dorling Kindersley that are excellent study guides for learning throughout the GCSE course. There are fiction and non-fiction books, such as **We are all made of molecules** by Susan Nielsen, **The restaurant at the end of the universe** by Douglas Adams, if you would like some interesting reading material.

#### Things you can watch:

BBC iPlayer has a Science and Nature section which has some excellent programmes to watch, e.g. by David Attenborough and Brian Cox. Bill Nye has some great videos on YouTube and a series on Netflix. Other shows that you may still find are shows such as Brainiac, Richard Hammond's Blast Lab and Horizon documentaries.

#### Online Learning sites to try :

BBC Bitesize is the go to place for learning about the different topics that you will study (just google 'BBC bitesize AQA GCSE science'). You can also see the textbooks that you will be using next year if you log onto your kerboodle account.

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The course is made up of both theory and practical aspects. Maintaining your levels of fitness is really important—so the summer holidays are a great time to get started and ensure you are fully fit and ready for September.

#### Things You can read:

**The Gladiator Mindset: Push Your Limits. Overcome Challenges. Achieve Your Goals**—Adam Peaty

**Bounce: The Myth of Talent and the Power of Practice**—Matthew Syed

**You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be**—Marcus Rashford

**CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE Physical Education Edexcel Complete Revision & Practice**

#### Things you can watch:

The EverLearner GCSE PE Edexcel on YouTube

World Athletics Championships—Oregon 15/7/22—24/7/22

Commonwealth Games—Birmingham 28/7/22 — 8/8/22

European Championships: Athletics, Beach Volleyball, Canoe Sprint, Cycling, Gymnastics, Rowing, Sport Climbing, Table Tennis, and Triathlon—Munich 11/8/22—21/8/22