

**Subject:** Biology

**Course:** OCR A A-level biology

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### Something to Read:

- **Junk DNA** - Our DNA is so much more complex than you probably realize, this book will really deepen your understanding of all the work you will do on Genetics. Available at [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)
- **A Short History of Nearly Everything** - A whistle-stop tour through many aspects of history from the Big Bang to now. This is a good read that will re-familiarise you with common concepts and introduce you to some of the more colourful characters from the history of science! Available at [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

[Full list of books, articles and research links are available in the separate A-level biology transition pack](#)

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### Something to Watch/Listen:

- **Something the Lord Made (2004)** Professor Snape (the late great Alan Rickman) in a very different role. The film tells the story of the scientists at the cutting edge of early heart surgery as well as issues surrounding racism at the time.
- **Lorenzo's Oil (1992)** Based on a true story. A young child suffers from an autoimmune disease. The parents research and challenge doctors to develop a new cure for his disease.

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### Something to Write:

Please refer to your A-level biology transition pack which contains a wide selection of books to read, films to watch, podcasts to listen to and research articles to explore. There are a range of research activities for you to complete over the summer holidays as well as a pre-subject knowledge quiz which will give you a head start in September.