



# READING LISTS

SENIOR SCHOOL  
YEAR 9 & 10

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# Welcome

These reading lists are a selection of titles available in the Senior School Library and are intended for students' and parents' guidance. They aim to include a range of genres and writing styles to engage, interest and perhaps challenge students to broaden their reading choices. With well over 6000 children's books published in the UK alone every year, it is often difficult to identify quality writing so these lists are an attempt to guide you towards the best available.

The list should be used with discretion. If you feel the list for your particular age group does not include titles at the appropriate level for your reading age and ability level you may wish to select from the list intended for a younger or older level. However, the main aim of these lists is to encourage an enjoyment of reading and to introduce you to books you may not have considered reading.

Reading broadens horizons, helps develop written and spoken vocabulary and spelling, aids in the development of empathy, expands one's thinking and imagination and may introduce you to new ideas and worlds. It's one of life's fundamental skills and pleasures.

We look forward to assisting you on your learning journey as you take advantage of the wonderful collection we are developing for you and know you will benefit by using this carefully curated guide to reading growth.

The Library & English Staff

## KEY STAGE 4+

### DYSTOPIC – GOTHIC – OTHER WORLDS

Title	Author	Read
<b>The Handmaid's Tale **</b>	Atwood, Margaret	
<b>Brave New World</b>	Huxley, Aldous	
<b>Wuthering Heights</b>	Bronte, Emily	
<b>His Dark Materials (trilogy); The Book of Dust</b>	Pullman, Phillip	
<b>The Woman in Black</b>	Hill, Susan	
<b>Selected Short Stories</b>	Poe, Edgar Allen	
<b>The Hobbit; Lord of the Rings</b>	Tolkien, J. R. R.	
<b>Never Let Me Go</b>	Ishiguro, Kazuo	
<b>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</b>	Stevenson, Robert Louis	
<b>Fahrenheit 451</b>	Bradbury, Ray	
<b>1984</b>	Orwell, George	

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## GREAT AMERICAN CLASSICS

Title	Author	Read
<b>Of Mice and Men; Grapes of Wrath</b>	Steinbeck, John	
<b>On the Road</b>	Kerouac, Jack	
<b>The Catcher in the Rye</b>	Salinger, J. D.	
<b>The Colour Purple **</b>	Walker, Alice	
<b>The Great Gatsby</b>	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	
<b>The Old Man and the Sea</b>	Hemingway, Earnest	
<b>To Kill a Mockingbird</b>	Lee, Harper	

## REALISTIC – COMING OF AGE

Title	Author	Read
<b>13 Minutes</b>	Pinborough, Sarah	
<b>Anita and Me</b>	Syal, Meera	
<b>Atonement</b>	McKewan, Ian	
<b>Great Expectations</b>	Dickens, Charles	
<b>Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit</b>	Winterson, Jeanette	
<b>Out of the Shadows</b>	Wallace, Jason	
<b>Small Great Things</b>	Picoult, Jodie	
<b>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time</b>	Haddon, Mark	
<b>The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole</b>	Townsend, Sue	

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## SCI-FI

Title	Author	Read
<b>Frankenstein</b>	Shelley, Mary	
<b>Genesis</b>	Beckett, Bernard	
<b>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</b>	Adams, Douglas	
<b>The Knife of Never Letting Go</b>	Ness, Patrick	
<b>The Time Traveler's Wife</b>	Niffenegger, Audrey	
<b>The War of the Worlds</b>	Wells, H.G.	

## INSPIRED BY HISTORY

Title	Author	Read
<b>All Quiet on the Western Front</b>	Remarque, Erich Maria	
<b>Blood Red, Snow White</b>	Sedgwick, Marcus	
<b>Buffalo Soldier</b>	Landman, Tanya	
<b>The Book Thief</b>	Zusak, Markus	
<b>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</b>	Boyle, John	
<b>The Kite Runner **</b>	Hosseini, Khaled	
<b>Things Fall Apart</b>	Achebe, Chinua	

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## CRIME – MYSTERY – THRILLER

Title	Author	Read
<b>Adventures of Sherlock Holmes; The Hound of the Baskervilles; Sign of the Four</b>	Doyle, Arthur Conan	
<b>After the First Death</b>	Cormier, Robert	
<b>Divergent (series)</b>	Roth, Veronica	
<b>Saint Death</b>	Sedgwick, Marcus	
<b>The Big Sleep</b>	Chandler, Raymond	
<b>The Body in the Library; And Then There Were None</b>	Christie, Agatha	
<b>The Stuff of Nightmares</b>	Blackman, Malorie	

## PRE & POST c.20 CLASSICS

Title	Author	Read
<b>David Copperfield; A Christmas Carol</b>	Dickens, Charles	
<b>Emma; Pride and Prejudice</b>	Austen, Jane	
<b>Picture of Dorian Grey</b>	Wilde, Oscar	
<b>Tess of the D'Urbervilles; Jude the Obscure</b>	Hardy, Thomas	
<b>The Woman in White; The Moonstone</b>	Collins, Wilkie	
<b>Birdsong **</b>	Faulks, Sebastian	
<b>I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing</b>	Angelou, Maya	
<b>The Ocean at the End of the Lane</b>	Gaiman, Neil	

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## TRANSLATED

Title	Author	Read
<b>The Outsider / The Stranger</b>	Camus, Albert	
<b>Short Stories</b>	Du Maupassant, Guy	
<b>One Hundred Years of Solitude</b>	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia	
<b>The Elephant Vanishes (short stories)</b>	Murakami, Haruki	

## NON-FICTION

Title	Author	Read
<b>A Small History of Nearly Everything; Notes from a Small Island</b>	Bryson, Bill	
<b>Between a Rock and a Hard Place</b>	Ralston, Aron	
<b>Chinese Cinderella</b>	Yen Mah, Adeline	
<b>The Diary of a Young Girl</b>	Frank, Anne	
<b>The Long Walk to Freedom</b>	Mandela, Nelson	
<b>I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing</b>	Angelou, Maya	

## MORE RECENT POETRY

Title	Author	Read
<b>Collected Poems</b>	Achebe, Chinua	
<b>I Is A Long Memored Woman (collection)</b>	Heaney, Seamus	
<b>New Selected Poems</b>	Alcott, Lousia	
<b>Ariel; Lady Lazarus; Mushrooms; The Dead</b>	Plath, Sylvia	
<b>Flag; Half Caste; Checking Out Me History</b>	Agard, John	
<b>Valentine; Before You Were Mine; War Photographer; Stealing; Havisham</b>	Duffy, Carol Ann	

## SOME POETRY GREATS

Title	Author	Read
<b>Daffodils; The Prelude; Upon Westminster Bridge</b>	Wordsworth, William	
<b>Ode to a Nightingale; Ode to a Grecian Urn</b>	Keates, John	
<b>Specifically: Twelve Songs; Lullaby; Night Mail; In Memory of WB Yeats</b>	Auden, W.H.	
<b>Selected Poems (collection) Specifically: next to of course god america i</b>	Cummings, E. E.	
<b>London; Tyger; The Schoolboy; To the Evening Star</b>	Blake, William	
<b>Specifically: Sonnet 116; Sonnet 130; Sonnet 18</b>	Shakespeare, William	
<b>The Hunchback in the Park; The Mischievous Dog</b>	Thomas, Dylan	

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