

KS4 Reading Recommendations

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr Seuss

Modern Texts

- **The Perks of being a Wallflower** by Stephen Chbosky *
- **The Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller
- **Anita and Me** by Meera Syal
- **Cane Warriors** by Alex Wheatle
- **The Crossing** by Manjeet Mann
- **I am the Messenger** by Markus Zusak
- **Six of Crows** by Leigh Bardugo
- **A Thousand Splendid Suns** by Khalid Hosseini
- **The Upper World** by Femi Fadugba
- **Boys Don't Cry** by Malorie Blackman
- **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett*
- **We Were Liars** by E Lockhart
- **Things a Bright Girl Can do** by Sally Nicholls
- **The Boxer** by Nikesh Shukla *
- **Paper Butterflies** by Lisa Heathfield
- **These Violent Delights** by Chloe Gong
- **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig
- **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owen *
- **Walking a Tightrope** by Rehana Ahmed
- **Everyone Dies Famous** in a Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
- **Everything Everything** by Nicola Yoon*
- **Lies We Tell Ourselves** by Robin Talley
- **Slumdog Millionaire** by Vikas Swarup *
- **Half of a Yellow Sun** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** by Mark Haddon
- **The Art of Being Normal** by Lisa Williamson *
- **It Ends With Us** by Colleen Hoover
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas
- **Power of 5 Series** by Anthony Horowitz
- **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** Series by Holly Jackson
- **Greek Goddesses** by Nikkita Gill
- **The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo
- **The Sky is Everywhere** by Jandy Nelson*

Dystopia and Science Fiction

- **1984** by George Orwell
- **Fahrenheit 451** (a science fiction book set in a world where all books are banned) by Ray Bradbury
- **A Clockwork Orange** by Anthony Burgess*
- **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams
- **1984** by George Orwell

- **The Hound of the Baskervilles** by Arthur Conan Doyle
- **Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley
- **Delirium** by Lauren Oliver (trilogy of dystopian fiction)
- **Never Let Me Go** by Kazuo Ishiguro
- **Ready Player Go** by Ernest Cline (film coming out)
- **The War of the Worlds** by H. G. Wells
- **Children of Blood and Bone** by Tom Adyemi
- **Internment** by Samira Ahmed

Classics

- **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou *
- **The Catcher in the Rye** by J D Salinger
- **Pride and Prejudice/ Persuasion** by Jane Austen
- **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte
- **Wuthering Heights** by Emily Bronte
- **The Hound of the Baskervilles** (Sherlock Holmes novel) by Arthur Conan Doyle
- **On the Road** by Jack Kerouac
- **Tess of the d'Urbervilles** by Thomas Hardy
- **The Picture of Dorian Gray** by Oscar Wilde
- **Wide Sargasso Sea** by Jean Rhys
- **Wuthering Heights** by Emily Brontë
- **The Colour Purple** by Alice Walker
- **Short stories** by Edgar Allan Poe

Reading linked to **Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde** by Robert Louis Stevenson

Jekyll's Mirror by William Hussey: Supernatural YA horror story based on the themes of Jekyll and Hyde.

ftyl by Lauren Myracle: A novel told through transcripts of IM messages between three high-school girls.

Demon Road by Derek Landy: 16 year old Amber is an insecure teenager in many ways, except for the terrible truth about her real nature.

The Big Lie by Julie Mayhew: Questions of morality, societal norms and identity set in a 2014 Britain that is under Nazi rule.

The Lie Tree by Francis Harding: An exploration of evolution and feminism in the gothic genre.

The Fire Sermon by Francesca Haig: A story about perfect twins, so rare they are almost a myth.

The Immortal Rules by Julie Kagawa: Allison Sekemoto has been scavenging for food in a city ruled by vampires, until, finally, she becomes one.

- **The Woman in Black** by Susan Hill
- **White Fang** by Jack London
- **The Yellow Wallpaper** by Charlotte Perkins Gilmore

- **The Woman in White** by Wilkie Collins
- **Haunting of Hill House** by Shirley Jackson
- **The Raven, Murder in La Rue Morgue** by Edgar Allan Poe
- **Coraline & Graveyard** by Neil Gaiman
- **Interview With a Vampire** by Anne Rice

Non-fiction

- **I am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai
- **A Long Walk to Freedom** by Nelson Mandela
- **Once in a House on Fire** by Andrea Ashworth *
- **Becoming** by Michelle Obama
- **Black, White and Gold** by Kelly Holmes
- **Pole to Pole** by Michael Palin
- **The Lost Continent** by Bill Bryson
- **Into Thin Air** by John Krakauer
- **The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah: The Autobiography** by Benjamin Zephaniah
- **Touching the Void** by Joe Simpson
- **Homecoming: Voices of the Windrush Generation** by Colin Grant
- **Andy Murray: Champion** by Andy Murray
- **Black and British: A Short, Essential History** by Davis Olusoga
- **A Greedy Man in a Hungry World** by Jay Rayner
- **Rise Up** by Stormzy
- **What We're Told Not to Talk About (But We're Going To Anyway): Women's Voices from East London to Ethiopia** by Nimko Ali

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