GCSE English Department Suggested Reading

Over the next two years, we are going to encourage you to read as widely as possible. This is not to prevent you from choosing your own reading material, but to introduce you to books that have been enjoyed by other students of your age over the years. You will be expected to read at least one of these books every term, and present your opinions back to the class.

The first is a list of literary novels, ranging from classics to modern award winners. There is also a list of lighter reads.



Wuthering Heights Emily Bronte Sense and Sensibility Jane Austen Cold Comfort Farm Stella Gibbons Gulliver's Travels Jonathon Swift Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte Tess of the D'Urbervilles Thomas Hardy Far from the Madding Crowd Thomas Hardy A Picture of Dorian Gray Oscar Wilde Silas Marner George Eliot Frankenstein Mary Shelley 1984 George Orwell Brave New World Aldous Huxley The Grapes of Wrath John Steinbeck The Outsider Albert Camus 1000 Splendid Suns Khaled Hosseini The Book Thief Marcus Zusak Norwegian Wood Haruki Murakami Enduring Love lan McEwan Atonement lan McEwan Catcher in the Rye J D Sallinger Brighton Rock Graham Greene Never Let Me Go Kazuo Ishiguro Remains of the Day Kazuo Ishiguro Falling Man Don DeLillo Spies Michael Frayn

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The Road Cormac McCarthy
Black Swan Green David Mitchell
If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things Jon McGregor
To Kill a Mockingbird Harper Lee
White Teeth Zadie Smith
Wild Swans Jung Chang
The Time Machine H G Wells
Sophie's World Jostein Gaarder
Lovely Bones Alice Sebold

For a slightly lighter read...

Mister Pip - Lloyd Jones
Martyn Pyg - Kevin Brooks
The Woman in Black - Susan Hill
The King of the Castle - Susan Hill
Lord of the Flies - William Golding
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy - Douglas Adams
His Dark Materials Trilogy - Phillip Pullman
Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Arthur Conan Doyle
The Spy Who Came In From The Cold - John Le Carre
Tales of The Otori (trilogy) - Lian Hearn
The Colour of Magic - Terry Pratchett
Slumdog Millionaire - Vikas Swarup
Fever Pitch - Nick Hornby