

## Key Stage 4 Recommended Reading List

Key:

\* Library

\*\* GCSE set text

English Faculty

### Recommended Reads

#### FICTION:

- **THE HUNGER GAMES** Suzanne Collins \*
- **DIVERGENT** Veronica Roth \*

• **\*\*ANIMAL FARM** George Orwell \*

- **DEMON ROAD** Derek Landy \*
- **YOUNG BOND SERIES** Charlie Higson \*
- **NEVERWHERE** Neil Gaiman
- **THE WEE FREE MEN** Terry Pratchett
- **HITCH-HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY** Douglas Adams \*
- **LORD OF THE RINGS** JRR Tolkien\*
- **NOUGHTS AND CROSSES** Malorie Blackman \*
- **PHOENIX SF** Said \*

• **\*\*LORD OF THE FLIES** William Golding \*

- **GEEK GIRL** Holly Smale \*
- **KNIFE OF NEVER LETTING GO** Patrick Ness \*
- **MISS PEREGRINE'S SCHOOL FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN** Ransom Riggs
- **NATION** Terry Pratchett
- **THE ARTHUR TRILOGY** Kevin Crossley-Holland \*
- **THE CATALOGUE OF THE UNIVERSE** Margaret Mahy
- **TANGLEWRECK** Jeanette Winterson
- **THE MAZE RUNNER TRILOGY** James Dashner \*
- **EVA** Peter Dickinson
- **THE DARK IS RISING SERIES** Susan Cooper \*
- **THE STERKARM HANDSHAKE** Susan Price
- **HOW I LIVE NOW** Meg Rosoff \*
- **MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS** Agatha Christie
- **YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES SERIES** Andrew Lane \*

- **UN LUN DUN** China Mieville
- **THE AMBER FURY** Natalie Haynes
- **V FOR VENDETTA** Alan Moore
- **THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY** Siobhan O'Dowd \*
- **BEHIND THE ICE HOUSE** Anne Fine
- **CASINO ROYALE** etc. Ian Fleming
- **THE DAY OF THE JACKAL** Frederick Forsyth

• **OF MICE AND MEN** John Steinbeck \*

• **THE WOMAN IN BLACK** Susan Hill \*

- **THE LOVELY BONES** Alice Sebold \*
- **SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE** Kurt Vonnegut
- **AGAINST A DARK BACKGROUND** Iain M. Banks
- **GONE GIRL** Gillian Flynn
- **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN** Paula Hawkins
- **THE CATCHER IN THE RYE** JD Salinger
- **WHITE MERC WITH FINS** James Hawes
- **THE BEACH** Alex Garland
- **CAPTAIN CORELLI'S MANDOLIN** Louis de Bernieres
- **CARRIE** Stephen King

• **\*\*A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Charles Dickens \*

- **THE BOOK THIEF**, Marcus Zusak \*
- **SOPHIE'S WORLD** Jostein Gaarder \*

• **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** Harper Lee \*

- **WHITE TEETH** Zadie Smith
- **NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR** \* George Orwell \*

- **BRAVE NEW WORLD** Aldous Huxley
- **WUTHERING HEIGHTS** Emily Bronte \*

• **\*\*JANE EYRE** Charlotte Bronte \*

• **\*\*PRIDE AND PREJUDICE** Jane Austen \*

- **TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES** Thomas Hardy \*
- **A PICTURE OF DORIAN GREY** \*  
Oscar Wilde
- **THE WASP FACTORY** Iain Banks
- **THE ROAD** Cormac Mc Carthy

• **THE HANDMAID'S TALE** Margaret Atwood

- **HEART OF DARKNESS** Joseph Conrad
- **\*\*GREAT EXPECTATIONS** Charles Dickens\*
- **ORANGES ARE NOT THE ONLY FRUIT**  
Jeanette Winterson
- **MONEY** Martin Amis
- **MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN** \*  
Salman Rushdie\*

#### Further recommendations:

- **The works of WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** \*
- **Further works by CHARLES DICKENS-**  
*Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, David Copperfield* \*

#### NONFICTION:

- **'In Cold Blood'** Truman Capote
- **'I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing'**  
Maya Angelou \*
- **'Fast Food Nation'** Eric Schlosser \*
- **'On Writing'** Stephen King
- **'Maus: A Survivor's Tale'** Art Spiegelman \*
- **'Hiroshima'** John Hersey
- **'A Walk in the Woods'** Bill Bryson
- **'The Autobiography of Malcolm X'**  
Malcolm X \*
- **'A Room of One's Own'** Virginia Woolf
- **'A Moveable Feast'** Ernest Hemingway
- **'Dreams from my Father'** Barack Obama
- **'Why We Can't Wait'** Martin Luther King Jnr.
- **'Orientalism'** Edward Said
- **'The Origins of Totalitarianism'** Hannah Arendt

- **'Homage to Catalonia'** George Orwell
- **'A Child Called It'** Dave Pelzer
- **'Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid'**  
Bill Bryson
- **'My Booky Wook'** Russell Brand
- **'The Fry Chronicles'** Stephen Fry
- **'Untold Stories'** Alan Bennett
- **'Tickling the English'** Dara O'Briain
- **'Long Walk to Freedom'** Nelson Mandela
- **'Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl'**  
Anne Frank \*
- **'Eat Pray Love'** Elizabeth Gilbert
- **'Goodbye to All That'** Robert Graves
- **'The Truth'** Michael Palin
- **'Around the World in 80 Days'** Michael Palin
- **'1969-1979: The Python Years'** Michael Palin
- **'Notes from a Small Island'** Bill Bryson
- **'Shakespeare: The World as a Stage'**  
Bill Bryson
- **'I Can Make You Hate'** Charlie Brooker
- **'Back Story'** David Mitchell
- **'I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban'** Malala Yousafza \*
- **'Twelve Turning Points of the Second World War'** by P.M.H. Bell