

Year 12 & 13 Recommended Reading List

If you have tried these try others by the same author

Contemporary Fiction

Achebe, Chinua – Things Fall Apart
Adichie, C.N. – Half of a Yellow Sun
Albom, Mitch – For One More Day
Ahern, Cecilia – P.S. I Love You
Ali, Monica – Brick Lane
Allende, Isabel – House of the Spirits
Atkinson, Kate – Behind the Scenes at the Museum
Atwood, Margaret – Cat's Eye
Banks, Iain - The Wasp Factory, The Crow Road, The Business, Consider
Banks, Lynne Reid – The L-shaped Room
Barker, Pat - Regeneration
Bawden, Nina – The Birds on the Trees
Brown, Dan – Digital Fortress
Brooks, Geraldine - Year of Wonders
Boyd, William - Restless
Burgess, Anthony - A Clockwork Orange
Burgess, Melvin – Doing It
Byatt, A.S. - Possession
Carey, Peter – Oscar and Lucinda
Cassidy, Ann - Looking for JJ
Chevalier, Tracy – Girl with the Pearl Earring
Coetzee, J.M. – Youth, Disgrace
Coelho, Paul - The Alchemist
Coupland, Douglas – Generation X
Desai, Anita – The Inheritance of Loss
Eco, Umberto – The Name of the Rose
Elton, Ben – Dead famous, High Society
Enright, Anne – The Gathering
Eugenides., Jeffery - Middlesex
Faber, Michel - The Crimson Petal and The White
Faulks, Sebastian – Charlotte Gray; Engleby
Garland, Alex – The Beach
Gregory, Philippa – The Other Boleyn Girl
Golden, A – Memoirs of a Geisha
Gruen, Sara - Water for Elephants
Hall, Sarah - The Electric Michelangelo
Harris, Joanne – Blackberry Wine, Chocolat
Heller, Joseph – Catch 22
Hoffman, Alice – Seventh Heaven; Turtle Moon
Hosseini, Khaled - The Kite Runner and A Thousand Splendid Suns
Hulme, K – The Bone People
Ishiguro, Kazuo - Never Let Me Go, The Remains of the Day

Kingsolver, Barbara – The Poisonwood Bible
Kureishi, Hanif – The Buddha of Suburbia
Levy, Andrea – Small Island
Lillo, Ron de – White Noise, Underworld
Martel, Yann - Life Of Pi
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia – Love in the Time of Cholera; One Hundred Years of Solitude
McCaffrey, Anne – The Crystal Sea
McEwan, Ian – Atonement, On Chesil Beach, Enduring Love
Michaels, Anne – Fugitive Pieces
Mitchell, David - Cloud Atlas
Narayan, R.K. – The Vendor of Sweets
Okri, Ben – The Famished Road
Ondaatje, Michael –The English Patient
Picoult, Jodi – Keeping Faith , Plain Truth and many others
Plath, Sylvia – The Bell Jar
Proux, E. Annie – The Shipping News
Rice, Anne – Interview with a Vampire
Roth, Philip – The Human Stain
Rubinfeld, Jed – The Interpretation of Murder
Rushdie, Salman – Midnight’s Children
Russell, Willy – The Wrong Boy
Sansom, C.J. – Winter in Madrid
Schlink, Bernard - The Reader
Sebold, Alice – The Lovely Bones
Seierstad, Asne – The Bookseller of Kabul
Seth, Vikram – A Suitable Boy
Sheers, Owen - Skirrid Hill
Shields, C. - Unless
Shriver, Lionel – We Need To Talk About Kevin
Smiley, Jane – A Thousand Acres
Smith, Ali – The Accidental
Smith, Zadie – White Teeth
Tan, Amy – The Joy Luck Club
Tartt, D. – The Secret History
Tyler, Anne – The Accidental Tourist
Vizzini, Ned – Be More Chill
Vonnegut, Kurt – Cat’s Cradle
Walker, Alice – The Color Purple
Welsh, Irving – Trainspotting
Wharton, Edith – Ethan Frome
Winterson, Jeanette – Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit
Zafon, Carlos Ruiz – The Shadow of the Wind
Zephaniah, Benjamin – Refugee Boy, Face

Poetry

Browning, Byron, Coleridge, Donne, Keats, Marvell, Sassoon,
Wordsworth

20th Century

Simon Armitage, W.H. Auden, Wendy Cope, Carol Ann Duffy, Seamus Heaney, Ted Hughes, Philip Larkin, Sylvia Plath, Sheenagh Pugh, Dylan Thomas, Benjamin Zephaniah
Life by Drowning – J. Couzyn
The World's Wife – C.A. Duffy
Death of a Naturalist – S. Heaney
Birthday Letters – T. Hughes
The Adoption Papers – J. Kay
The Fat Black Woman's Poems – G. Nichols
Ariel – S. Plath
Sonnets – W. Shakespeare
Collections – J. Keats, Sassoon, W. Owen, E. Thomas, B.Zephaniah, Arnold, R.. Browning, Coleridge, J. Donne, L. Lochead, J. Shapcott, F. Adcock

Non- fiction

Bill Bryson – A Short History of Nearly Everything
Crystal, D – The Story of English
Dawkins, R.– The Selfish Gene
Machiavelli – The Prince
Plato – The Republic
Seierstad, A – A Hundred and One Days
Singh, S – The Code Book
Walden – Theorem
Woolf, Virginia – A Room of her Own

Auto/biography & Memoirs

Ali, Ayan Hirsi - Infidel
Angelou, Maya – I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Ashworth, Andrea – Once in a House On Fire
Biko, S – I Write What I Like
Bourdain, A – Kitchen Confidential
Brando, M – Songs My Mother Taught Me
Chang, Jung – Wild Swans
Dirie, W. – Desert Flower
Forster, Margaret – Hidden Lives
Fry, Stephen – Moab is my Washpot
Keenan, Brian – An Evil Cradling
Lee, L. – Cider With Rosie
Lessing, Doris -Under My Skin
Mandela, Nelson – Long Walk to Freedom
McCourt, Frank – Angela's Ashes
Nichols, C. – The Reckoning
Obama, Barack – The Audacity of Hope and Dreams From My Father
Pelzer, Dave - A Child Called It
Peel, John – Margrave of the Marshes
Said, E. - Out of Place

St Aubin de Teran, Lisa - Hacienda
Yen Mah, A – Falling Leaves
The Autobiography of Malcolm X

Classics

Austen, Jane – Emma, Sense and Sensibility
Bronte, Charlotte – Jane Eyre
Camus, Albert – Exile and the Kingdom
Cave, Nick – And the Ass Saw the Angel
Colette - Gigi
Collins, Wilkie – The Woman in White, The Moonstone
Conrad, Joseph – Heart of Darkness
Defoe, Daniel – Robinson Crusoe
Dickens, Charles – Great Expectations, David Copperfield
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor – Crime and Punishment
Eliot, George – The Mill on the Floss, Middlemarch
Fitzgerald, F.Scott – Tender is the Night
Forester, C.S. – African Queen
Forster, E.M. – A Passage to India; Where Angels Fear to Tread
Fowles, John – The Collector
Golding, William – The Inheritors
Green, Graham – Brighton Rock
Hardy, Thomas – Tess of the D’Urbervilles, Jude the Obscure etc
Hartley, L.P. – The Go-between
Hemingway, Ernest – For Whom the Bell Tolls; A Moveable Feast
Hughes, Thomas – Tom Brown’s Schooldays
Huxley, Aldous – Brave New World
Kerouac, J. On the Road
Lawrence, D.H. – Sons and Lovers, Women in Love, Lady Chatterley’s Lover
Lessing, Doris – The Grass is Singing;
Levi, Primo – If This is a Man
Lewis, C.S. – The Great Divorce
McCarthy, Cormac – All the Pretty Horses
Melville, Herman – Moby Dick
Mitford, Nancy – Love in a Cold Climate
Murdoch, Iris – The Bell, The Sea
Nabokov, Vladimir - Lolita
Orwell, George – Animal Farm and 1984
Plath, Sylvia – The Bell Jar
Scott, Walter – Ivanhoe
Salinger, J.D. – The Catcher in the Rye
Solzhenitsyn, A - One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch
Steinbeck, John – Grapes of Wrath
Tolstoy, Leo – Anna Karenina
Waugh, Evelyn – Brideshead Revisited
Wells, H.G. – The War of the Worlds
White, Antonia – Frost in May

Wilde, Oscar – The Picture of Dorian Gray
Woolf, Virginia – To the Lighthouse
Zola, Emile – Therese Raquin

Drama

Any play by:

William Shakespeare

Edward Albee

Alan Ayckbourn

Alan Bennett - The history boys

Bertolt Brecht – i.e. The Caucasian chalk circle

Anton Chekhov – i.e. The cherry orchard

Noel Coward

Brian Friel

David Hare

Henrik Ibsen

Arthur Miller

Harold Pinter

Peter Shaffer

Bernard Shaw

Tom Stoppa

Oscar Wilde

Tennessee Williams

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? – E. Albee

The Amen Corner – J. Baldwin

Waiting for Godot and Endgame – S. Beckett

East – S. Berkoff

Cloud 9 – C. Churchill

Blithe Spirit – Noel Coward

Medea – Euripides

Accidental Death of an Anarchist – D. Fo

Copenhagen – M . Frayn

Translations – B. Friel

Bouncers – J. Godber

Ghosts – H. Ibsen

Crave – S. Kane

Blood Wedding – F.G. Lorca

The Crucible – A. Miller

Closer – P. Marber

The Weir – C .McPherson

The Birthday Party – H. Pinter

Hamlet – W. Shakespeare

Equus – P. Shaffer

Oedipus the King – Sophocles

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead – T. Stoppard

Cat On A Hot Tin Roof – T. Williams

Crime/detective Fiction

Chandler, R – The Big Sleep
Cornwell, Patricia – Black Notice and others in Scarpetta Series
Dexter, C – The Remorseful Day
Ellroy, J – The Black Dahlia
Harris, T – The Silence of the Lambs
James, P.D. The Children of Men; An Unsuitable Job for a Woman
Rankin, I – Strip Jack
Smith, Alexander McCall - No 1 Ladies Detective Agency
Grisham, John – The Firm and other books by this author
Patterson, James – Pop Goes the Weasel
Rendell, Ruth – Adam and Eve and Pinch me, Inspector Wexford novels, A
Sight for Sore Eyes

Historical Fiction

Barnes, J. – Arthur and George
Barry, S. – A Long Long Way
De Bernieres, L - Captain Corelli's Mandolin
Carey, P. – The History of the Kelly Gang
Du Maurier, Daphne – Jamaica Inn; Frenchman's Creek, Rebecca
Heyer, Georgette, These Old Shades
Mitchell, Margaret – Gone with the Wind
Morrison, T – Beloved
Phillips, C. – The Final Passage
Sobel, D. – Galileo's Daughter
Taylor, A. – An American Boy
Tolstoy, Leo – War and Peace
Mantell, Hilary – Wolf Hall

Horror Fiction

Banks, Ian – The Wasp Factory
King, Stephen – Christine; Salem's Lot; Carrie
Shelley, Mary – Frankenstein
Stevenson, R. L. – Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Stoker, Bram – Dracula
Suskind, P. - Perfume

Science Fiction

Atwood, Margaret – The Handmaid's Tale
Bradbury, Raymond – Fahrenheit 451
Dick, Philip K. – Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?; The Man in the High
Castle
Gibson, W. - Neuromancer
Herbert, Frank - Dune
Huxley, A. – Brave New World
Le Guin, Ursula – The Left Hand of Darkness
Niffenegger, Audrey – The Time Traveler's Wife
Orwell, George - 1984

Pratchett, Terry – The Colour of Magic
Vonnegut, Kurt – Slaughterhouse 5; Sirens of Titan
Woolf, V - Orlando

Spy stories

Clancy, Tom – Patriot Games
Fleming, Ian – James Bond series
Le Carre, John – The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

War and conflict

Brittain, Vera - Testament of Youth
Elton, Ben – The First Casualty
Faulks, Sebastian – Birdsong
McNab, Andy – Crisis Four
Remarque, Eva Maria – All Quiet on the Western Front
Sasson, Siegfried - Memoirs of an Infantry Officer