



Astley Community High School

KS5 Recommended Reading List

The Department for Education state that nothing is more important in education than ensuring that every student can read well. Students in full time education need to continue to read widely to further extend their vocabulary, cultural capital and wider contextual knowledge of society.

With that in mind, here are some recommended reads for ages 16+

The Blind Assassin	Margaret Atwood
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood
The Wasp Factory	Iain Banks
Mister Pip	Lloyd Jones
Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Americanah	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Captain Corelli's Mandolin	Louis de Berniere
Birdsong	Sebastian Faulks
Never Let Me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro
Jamrach's Menagerie	Carol Birch
Notes on a Scandal	Zoe Heller
The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath
The Road	Cormac McCarthy
No Country for Old Men	Cormac McCarthy
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley
Spies	Michael Frayn
American Gods	Neil Gaiman
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley
The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger
The Color Purple	Alice Walker
Beloved	Toni Morrison
Dracula	Bram Stoker
Carrie	Stephen King
One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey
Trainspotting	Irvine Welsh
The Paying Guests	Sarah Waters
Tipping the Velvet	Sarah Waters
Burning Secret	Stefan Zweig
The History Boys	Alan Bennett
Wide Sargasso Sea	Jean Rhys
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
The Woman in Black	Susan Hill
Strange Meeting	Susan Hill
Regeneration	Pat Barker
The Summer that Melted Everything	Tiffany McDaniel
The Dry	Jane Harper
Enduring Love	Ian McEwan
Murder on the Orient Express	Agatha Christie