

KS4 Recommended Reading List

The Department for Education state that nothing is more important in education than ensuring that every child can read well. Pupils who read are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school and achieve good qualifications. Those who cannot will find themselves at a constant disadvantage. *Government guidelines suggest that 30 minutes of private reading every day will make a difference*.

With that in mind, here are some recommended reads for readers of all abilities:

| Animal Farm | George Orwell |
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| 1984 | George Orwell |
| Great Expectations | Charles Dickens |
| Mister Pip | Lloyd Jones |
| Watership Down | Richard Adams |
| Purple Hibiscus | Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie |
| The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time | Mark Haddon |
| The Secret Garden | Frances Hodgson Burnett |
| Never Let Me Go | Kazuo Ishiguro |
| Anita and Me | Meera Syal |
| A Monster Calls | Patrick Ness |
| 13 Minutes | Sarah Pinborough |
| The Time Machine | HG Wells |
| On the Road | Jack Kerouac |
| Frankenstein | Mary Shelley |
| Of Mice and Men | John Steinbeck |
| I Capture the Castle | Dodie Smith |
| Brave New World | Aldous Huxley |
| The Catcher in the Rye | J.D. Salinger |
| Lies We Tell Ourselves | Robin Tailey |
| The Count of Monte Cristo | Alexandre Dumas |
| Dracula | Bram Stoker |
| Carrie | Stephen King |
| One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest | Ken Kesey |
| The Tattooist of Auschwitz | Heather Morris |
| The Book Thief | Markus Zusak |
| Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. | Judy Blume |
| Burning Secret | Stefan Zweig |
| The History Boys | Alan Bennett |
| Blood Brothers | Willy Russell |
| The Hobbit | J.R.R Tolkien |
| Heroes | Robert Cormier |
| The Woman in Black | Susan Hill |
| Strange Meeting | Susan Hill |
| Regeneration | Pat Barker |
| About a Boy | Nick Hornby |
| How Many Miles to Babylon? | Jennifer Johnson |
| Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde | Robert Louis Stephenson |



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Jane Eyre

Charlotte Bronte