

KS4 Recommended Reads to extend the reading we will do as a class:

These are simply a few! Other ideas are readily found on the internet, or ask your teacher!

To link with GCSE English Literature:

Dickens – Hard Times / Oliver Twist

Stephenson – Treasure Island / The Body Snatcher

Unseen Poets: Wilfred Owen, WB Yeats, William Wordsworth, Rudyard Kipling, Thomas Hardy, Edith Nesbit, Tony Harrison,

Other excellent choices for all students:

Harper Lee To Kill a Mockingbird

John Steinbeck The Grapes of Wrath (a challenge), The Pearl

F Scott Fitzgerald The Great Gatsby (a challenge)

Mildred D Taylor Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry

Maya Angelou I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (autobiographical)

Chimamanda Ngozi Purple Hibiscus

Adichie

J G Ballard Empire of the Sun (very challenging – links to conflict)

Louis de Bernières Captain Corelli's Mandolin (link to conflict)

John Boyne The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (link to conflict)

Charles Dickens Great Expectations

Arthur Conan Doyle Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Sebastian Faulkes Birdsong (link to conflict)

William Golding Lord of the Flies

Susan Hill any novel/story

Aldous Huxley Brave New World (challenging but fascinating portrayal of a dystopia)

Kazuo Ishiguro The Remains of the Day

Hilary Mantel Wolf Hall

George Orwell Animal Farm / Nineteen Eighty-four

Edgar Allan Poe Try short stories such as 'The Tell-Tale Heart' or 'Hop-Frog'

J D Salinger The Catcher in the Rye (engages most reluctant boy readers)

Joe Simpson Touching the Void

Meera Syal Anita and Me

Oscar Wilde The Picture of Dorian Gray

Non Fiction- Regular reading of non fiction newspaper articles/blogs/diaries/autobiographies/political speeches