

## GCSE Recommended Reading List

### Texts Studied in English Curriculum

An Inspector Call – J.B. Priestley  
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens  
Macbeth – William Shakespeare  
Power and Conflict Poetry

### Other Reads:

#### Classics

J. D Salinger -Catcher in the Rye  
George Orwell – 1984  
Charles Dickens – Oliver Twist / Great Expectations  
Graham Greene – Brighton Rock  
John Steinbeck – Grapes of Wrath / Cannery Row / Of Mice and Men  
S E Hinton – The Outsiders  
Ernest Hemingway – For Whom the Bell Tolls  
F Scott Fitzgerald – The Great Gatsby / Tender is the Night  
Jane Austen – Pride and Prejudice / Emma  
Elizabeth Gaskell - North and South  
George Eliot – Silas Marner  
Charlotte Bronte – Jane Eyre  
Emily Bronte – Wuthering Heights  
William Shakespeare – Romeo and Juliet  
William Golding – The Lord of the Flies

#### Horror

Stephen King – Carrie / The Shining  
Anne Rice – Interview with a Vampire  
James Herbert – The Rats  
Bram Stoker – Dracula  
MR James – Ghost Stories  
Edgar Allen Poe –The Raven / Short Stories

#### Sci Fi / dystopia

Douglas Adams – Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy / Dirk Gently’s Holistic Detective Agency  
Michael Crichton – Jurassic Park  
Isaac Asimov – I Robot  
John Wyndham – Day of the Triffids / The Chrysalids / The Midwich Cuckoos  
Susan Price – Sterkarm Handshake  
Peter Dickinson – The Kin  
Melvin Burgess – The Baby and Fly Pie  
Garth Nix – Sabriel  
John Christopher – Guardians  
Christopher Paolini – Eragon  
Jonathan Stroud – Amulet of Samarkand  
HG Wells -War of the World  
Aldous Huxley -Brave New World  
Ray Bradbury – Fahrenheit 451

Never Let Me Go – Kazuo Ishiguro  
Phillip Reeve – Mortal Engines  
Terry Pratchett – Discworld Novels

#### Detective Novels

Agatha Christie – Murder on the Orient Express  
Kate Atkinson – Case Histories  
Dan Brown – Da Vinci Code  
Patricia Cornwell – The Bone Bed  
A Conan Doyle -Sherlock Holmes  
Ian Rankin – Hide and Seek  
Susan Hill – The Various Haunts of Men  
John Buchan – The 39 Steps

#### Short Stories

Roald Dahl – Tales from the Unexpected  
Katherine Mansfield  
Ray Bradbury

#### Adventure Stories

Andy McNab – Bravo Two Zero / Boy Soldier  
Alex Garland – The Beach  
Patrick Ness – The Knife of Never Letting Go / A Monster Calls  
Frederick Forsyth – The Day of the Jackal  
Joe Simpson -Touching the Void  
Bernard Cornwell – Sharpe Novels  
Lian Hearn – Across the Nightingale Floor  
Jack Higgins – The Eagle has Landed  
Susan Hill – The Woman in Black  
Chris Ryan – The Alpha Force Series  
Joe Craig – Jimmy Coates, Killer  
Ian Fleming – James Bond  
Neil Gaiman - Coraline

#### Romance

Marion Keyes - Watermelon  
Jodi Picault – My Sister’s Keeper  
Malorie Blackman - Noughts and Crosses  
Siobhan Dowd – A Swift Pure Cry  
Lauren Weisburger - The Devil Wears Prada  
Audrey Niffenegger - The Time Travellers Wife  
Victoria Hislop – The Island  
Daphne Du Maurier - Rebecca  
Helen Fielding – Bridget Jones Diary  
Joanne Harris – Chocolat

#### Modern Classics

Khaled Hosseni - Kite Runner  
Maya Angelou – I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Ian McEwan – Atonement  
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry  
Yann Martel - Life of Pi

Chris Priestley - Mister Creature  
Alan Gibbons – The Edge  
Benjamin Zephaniah – Refugee Boy  
Zadie Smith – White Teeth  
Zoe Heller – Notes from a Scandal  
Cormac McCarthy – The Road  
Vera Britton – Testament of Youth  
Antonia White – Frost in May  
E M Forster – A Room with a View  
Evelyn Waugh – Scoop  
John Fowles – The Collector  
Joseph Heller - Catch 22  
Ken Kesey – One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest  
Marcus Zusak - The Book Thief  
Grow by Luke Palmer

#### Humour

PG Wodehouse  
Nick Hornby – Fever Pitch  
Willy Russell – The Wrong Boy  
Spike Milligan – Hitler, My Part in his Downfall  
Bill Bryson – Notes from a Small Island  
Jonathan Coe – The Rotters Club

#### Books about modern day issues

Looking for JJ – Ann Cassidy  
Sisterland – Linda Newberry  
Junk – Melvin Burgess  
True Believer – Virginia Ewer Wolff  
How I Live Now – Meg Rosoff  
A Gathering Light – Jennifer Connelly  
Kiss Kiss – Roald Dahl  
Face – Benjamin Zephaniah  
Missing – Catherine McPhail  
Siberia – Ann Halan  
The Wish List – Eoin Colfer  
Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime – Mark Haddon  
Da Vinci Code – Dan Brown  
The Firm – John Grisham  
Lost Boys’ Appreciation Society / The Edge – Alan Gibbons  
The Crossing – Manjeet Mann

#### Different Cultures and Time Periods

A Question of Courage – Marjorie Darke  
Montmorency – Eleanor Updale  
Witch Child – Celia Rees  
Back Home – Michele Magorian  
Tamar – Mal Peet  
Troy – Adele Geras  
Lionheart Girl – Yaba Badoe