

# Post 16 Recommended Reading List

This reading list has been put together by your subject tutors to encourage you to read more widely. Many of the books here are not directly related to the courses you are studying, but have been recommended by your subject tutors to inform, educate and inspire you. These books will not only help to build your wider knowledge but also to develop your passion for the subjects you study and challenge your understanding of the world in which you live.

Read **one book from General Reading** and **one book from each of the subjects you study** before the end of the academic year. You will not regret it.

## General Reading

- Animal Farm*** by George Orwell.
- To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee
- Great Expectations*** by Charles Dickens
- As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*** by Laurie Lee
- Catch-22*** by Joseph Heller
- The Brothers Karamazov*** by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- Dubliners*** by James Joyce
- The Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank
- Jane Eyre*** by Charlotte Brontë
- Middlemarch*** by George Eliot
- The Warden*** by Anthony Trollope
- The Best of Wodehouse; an Anthology*** by P G Wodehouse
- Beloved*** by Toni Morrison
- Moby-Dick*** by Herman Melville
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*** by Douglas Adams
- Pride and Prejudice*** by Jane Austen
- Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelley
- The Hobbit*** by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Things Fall Apart*** by Chinua Achebe
- Neuromancer*** by William Gibson

## Business Studies

- Freakonomics*** by Stephen J. Dubner and Steven D. Levitt
- The Dilbert Principle*** by Scott Adams
- What You See Is What You Get: My Autobiography*** by Alan Sugar
- Like A Virgin: Secrets They Won't Teach You at Business School*** by Sir Richard Branson
- Superfreakonomics*** by Stephen J. Dubner and Steven D. Levitt

## Drama

- Theatre Directions*** by Jonathan Needlands & Warwick Dobson
- Plays*** by Timberlake Wertenbaker
- Plays 1*** by Jim Cartwright
- Free Association*** by Steven Berkoff

- Brecht on Theatre** by Bertolt Brecht – Translated by John Willett
- Brecht Sourcebook** edited by Carol Martin & Henry Bial
- Phaedra's Love** by Sarah Kane
- Hamlet** by William Shakespeare
- The Complete Dramatic Works** by Samuel Beckett
- Artaud on Theatre** by Claude Schumacher

## English Language

- blog.geoffbarton.co.uk – Pick 'n' Mix**: contains some very useful/interesting articles regarding 'Language Change'
- The Mother Tongue: The Story of the English Language** by Bill Bryson
- How Language Works: How Babies Babble, Words Change Meaning and Languages Live or Die** by David Crystal
- The Adventure of English** by Melvin Bragg
- Language Myths** by Laurie Bauer and Peter Trudgill (editors)

## English Literature

Victorian Literature (our study text is *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte):

- Wuthering Heights** by Emily Bronte
- The Professor** by Charlotte Bronte
- Villette** by Charlotte Bronte
- Mary Barton** by Elizabeth Gaskell
- The Life of Charlotte Bronte** by Elizabeth Gaskell

Twentieth-century literature (Our study text is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald):

- Brideshead Revisited** by Evelyn Waugh
- This Side of Paradise** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Shakespeare (our study text is *Othello*):

- Shakespeare's Language** by Frank Kermode

Wider reading:

- York Notes Advanced** (for all study texts)
- How to Read a Poem** by Terry Eagleton

## French

Websites:

- Le Monde "L'actualité"**
- The day, "article of the week"**
- Le Figaro website**
- Le Telegramme/Ouest France website**
- The Day (French article for news and current affairs)**

- The Guardian website, language articles on Wednesdays**

Articles:

- Jean-Paul Sartre, Ça va, 11-12/2014**
- Colette, Ça va, 01-02/2015**
- Amélie Nothomb, Ça va, 03/2015**

Comics:

- Titeuf** by Zep
- Boule et Bill** by Jean Roba
- Les Aventures de Tintin** by Hergé
- Astérix et Obélix** by Goscinni

Novels :

- Un Sac de Billes** by Joseph Joffo
- Le Petit Prince** by Antoine de Saint Exupéry
- Le Petit Nicolas** by René Goscinni
- Candide** by Voltaire

Poetry

- Poetry** by Jacques Prévert
- Poetry** by Maurice Carême

## Geography

- An Ageing Population** by Lisa Firth
- The Aids Crisis** by Lisa Firth
- The Atlas of Coasts and Oceans** by Don Hinrichsen
- Managing River Environments** by G Wharton
- Rivers: A Very Short Introduction** by Nick Middleton
- Poverty** by Craig Donnellan
- Unsustainable: A Primer for Global Environment and Social Justice** by Patirch Hossay
- Biogeography** by Ken Atkinson
- Fifty Facts that Should Change the World** by Jessica Williams
- A Short History of Nearly Everything** by Bill Bryson

## German

- The Day (German articles for news and current affairs)**
- The Guardian website, language articles on Wednesdays**
- Ich fühl mich so fifty-fifty** by Karin König
- Lyrik: Sasha der Deutsche**
- Mecklenburg- Vorpommern**
- The Berlin Wall** by Frederik Taylor
- Film reviews: das Fälscher , das Leben den Anderen, Downfall (der Untergang)**

## History

- The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*** by David Landes
- Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*** by Jared Diamond
- We Shall Fight on the Beaches: The Speeches that Inspired History*** by Jacob F Field
- The Norman Invasion*** by Marc Morris
- The Oxford History of Modern Europe*** by T C W Blanning
- Mud, Blood and Poppycock*** by Gordon Corrigan
- Empire*** by Niall Ferguson
- Forgotten Voices of the Second World War*** by Max Arthur
- Birdsong*** by Sebastian Faulks
- The Crusades*** by Thomas Asbridge
- Saladin*** by John Mann

## ICT

- AQA Computing AS: Student's book***
- A-level Computing Wikibooks*** by Kemp, P et al ([https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/A-level\\_Computing](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/A-level_Computing))
- Brown Dogs and Barbers: What's Computer Science All About?*** by Dr Karl Beecher
- @GuardianTech on Twitter**
- GuardianTechWeekly** (<http://www.theguardian.com/technology/blog/audio/2011/oct/12/tech-weekly-tech-city-skills-education-audio>)
- AQA Computing A2: Student's book***
- Alan Turing: The Enigma*** by Andrew Hodges
- In Pursuit of the Travelling Salesman*** by William Cook
- AQA ICT for A2 Level***
- BBC Click** (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p002w6r2>) and **@BBCClick on Twitter**

## Maths

- The Code Book*** by Simon Singh
- Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities*** by Ian Stewart
- The Simpsons and their Mathematical Secrets*** by Simon Singh
- Things to Make and Do in the 4th Dimension*** by Matt Parker
- Plus Maths Journal Magazine***
- Secrets of Mental Math*** by Arthur Benjamin and Michael Shermer
- The Magical Maze*** by Ian Stewart
- Beating the Odds*** by Rob Eastaway and John Haigh
- Letters to a Young Mathematician*** by Ian Stewart
- The Math Book*** by Clifford A. Pickover
- Why does E=mc<sup>2</sup>?*** by Brian Cox and Jeff Forshaw

## Philosophy and Ethics

- The Blind Watchmaker*** by Richard Dawkins
- The God Delusion*** by Richard Dawkins,
- Philosophy of Religion for A level*** by A Jordan, N Lockyer, and E Tate
- Philosophy for Beginners*** by R Osborne
- The Dawkins Delusion*** by Alister McGrath,
- Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction*** by H Gensler
- The Cambridge Companion to Christian Ethics*** by R Gill
- Christian Ethics: An Introduction*** by B Hoose
- Bioethics – An Anthology Blackwell*** by H Kuhse and P Singer
- The Moral Philosophers; an Introduction to Ethics*** by R Norman

## Physical Education

- Bounce*** by Matthew Syed
- Growth Mindset*** by Carol Dweck
- The Talent Code*** by Daniel Coyle
- Leading*** by Alex Ferguson (with Michael Moritz) -
- Beyond Training - Mastering Endurance*** by Ben Greenfield
- How Bad Do You Want It? Mastering the Psychology of Mind Over Muscle*** by Matt Fitzgerald.

## Science

- Do Polar Bears Get Lonely?: And 101 Other Intriguing Science Questions*** by New Scientist
- Bad Science*** by Ben Goldacre
- The Life of Isaac Newton*** by Richard Westfall
- The Chemical History of a Candle*** by Michael Faraday
- <http://www.rsc.org/eic/mole> *The Mole magazine***. An e-magazine by the Royal Society of Chemistry for students to raise inspiration and delve deeper into chemistry
- The Greatest Show on Earth*** by Richard Dawkins
- Frontiers: Twentieth Century Physics*** by Steve Adams
- In Search of Schrodinger's Cat*** by John Gribbin
- River Out of Eden*** by Richard Dawkins
- A Short History of Everything*** by Bill Bryson

## Social Science (Psychology and Sociology)

- A Clockwork Orange*** by Anthony Burgess
- The Selfish Gene*** by Richard Dawkins
- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep*** by Philip K Dick
- Lord of the Flies*** by William Golding
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*** by Mark Haddon
- To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee
- Animal Farm*** by George Orwell
- 1984*** by George Orwell
- The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*** by Robert Tressell
- The Color Purple*** by Alice Walker