

St George Catholic College Reading List

This reading list has been compiled in order to support your understanding of Literature, to compliment your study throughout your time at school, and to enjoy novels written by excellent authors. Nearly all of these are available in our library.

Gothic novels

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stephenson

Dracula – Bram Stoker

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley (**Staff Favourite – Mr Preston**)

Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte (**Staff Favourite – Ms Lefeurve**)

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte (**Staff Favourite – Miss Marks**)

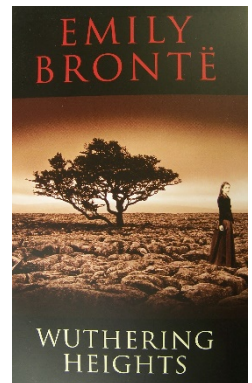
The Woman in Black – Susan Hill

The Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde

The Woman in White – Wilkie Collins

Jamaica Inn – Daphne Du Maurier

The Silent Companions – Laura Purcell (a popular Gothic author)



Detective / Crime / Mystery novels

The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle

The Sign of Four – Arthur Conan Doyle

Brighton Rock – Graham Greene

The Moonstone – Wilkie Collins

Murder on the Orient Express – Agatha Christie

And Then There Were None – Agatha Christie

Gone Girl - Gillian Flynn

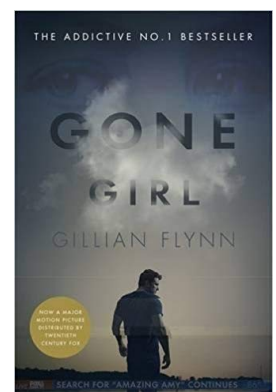
Dark Places – Gillian Flynn (**Staff Favourite – Mr Rogers**)

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo – Stieg Larsson

Before I go to Sleep – S.J. Watson

Snow Falling on Cedars – David Guterson

The Leopard – Jo Nesbo (**Staff Favourite – Mr Clark**)



Classics / must-reads

To Kill A Mockingbird - Harper Lee (**Staff Favourite – Miss Foord, Miss Cecil**)

The God of Small Things – Arundhati Roy (**Staff Favourite – Mr Crouch**)

Lord of the Flies – William Golding

The Railway Children – Edith Nesbit

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time – Mark Haddon

The Great Gatsby – F Scott Fitzgerald (**Staff Favourite – Mr Preston**)

Life of Pi – Yann Martel

Kane and Abel – Geoffrey Archer (**Staff Favourite – Mr Bedford**)

Sharp Objects – Gillian Flynn

The Girl on the Train – Paula Hawkins

The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini (**Staff Favourite – Mr Preston**)

A Thousand Splendid Suns - Khaled Hosseini (**Staff Favourite – Miss Marks**)

Rebecca - Daphne Du Maurier (**Staff favourite – Barbara Phythian**)

The Other Side of Truth - Beverley Naidoo

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou

Swallows and Amazons – Arthur Ransome

Boy: Tales of Childhood – Roald Dahl (**Staff Favourite – Miss Ouvry**)

Behind the Beautiful Forevers – Katherine Boo (**Staff Favourite – Mr Crouch**)

Small Great Things – Jodi Picoult

The Storyteller - Jodi Picoult

We're Going On A Bear Hunt – Michael Rosen (**Staff Favourite – Miss Gaskin**)

The Girl in the Red Coat – Kate Hamer

Wonder – R J Palacio

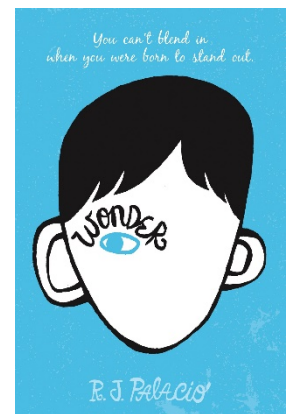
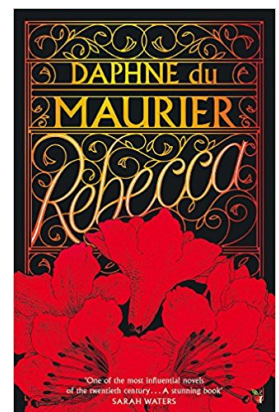
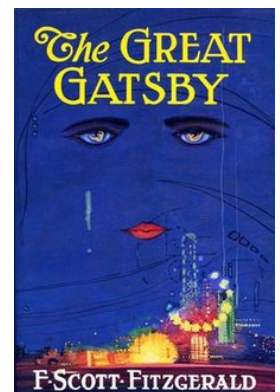
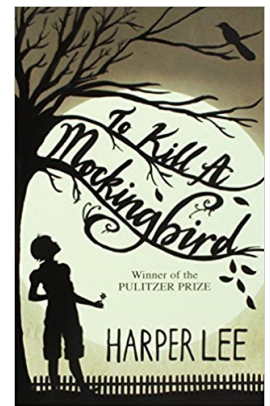
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief - Rick Riordan

Runaway Jury – John Grisham

The Last Hours – Minette Walters

The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks

The Yellow Wallpaper – Charlotte Perkins Gilman (**Staff Favourite – Miss Ouvry**)



Political / dystopian novels from different time periods

An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley

Animal Farm – George Orwell

1984 – George Orwell

The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood (**Staff Favourite – Miss Simpson and Miss Lampard**)

The Time Machine – H G Wells

Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck

The Hunger Games Trilogy (The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, Mockingjay) – Suzanne Collins

The Hunger Games Prequel: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes – Suzanne Collins

The Maze Runner – James Dashner

Divergent – Neil Burger

Mortal Engines – Philip Reeves

Ready Player One – Ernest Cline (**Staff Favourite – Miss Lampard**)



Fantasy / Adventure

The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R Tolkien

The Hobbit – J.R.R Tolkien

Children of Hurin – J.R.R Tolkien (**Staff Favourite – Mr Walford**)

Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stephenson

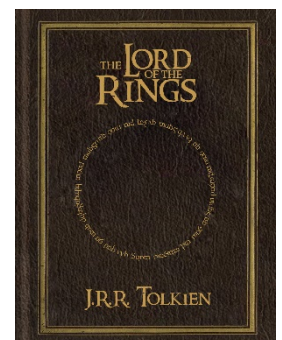
Ready Player One – Ernest Cline

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams

His Dark Materials trilogy (*Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass*) – Philip Pullman

Shogun – James Clavell (**Staff Favourite – Mr Leat**)



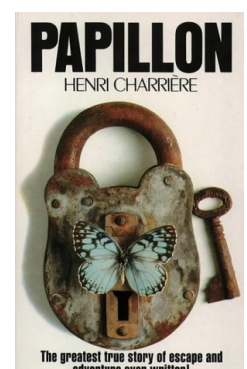
Autobiographical / non-fiction

Papillon - Henri Charrière (**Staff Favourite – Mr Habberley**)

A Street Cat Named Bob – James Bowen (**Staff Favourite – Mrs Smallwood**)

Keane – Roy Keane (**Staff Favourite – Mr Copplestone**)

Unbelievable – Jessica Ennis-Hill



This is going to hurt: Secret Diaries of Junior Doctor (Staff Favourite – Mr Devine, Mrs Drummond)

Steve Jobs – Walter Isaacson (Staff Favourite – Miss Heneghan)

The Lost Continent – Bill Bryson (Staff Favourite – Miss Cecil)

Romance / relationships

The Fault in Our Stars – John Green

Me Before You – Jojo Moyes

Slam – Nick Hornby

About a Boy – Nick Hornby

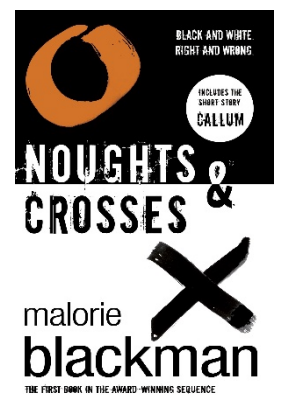
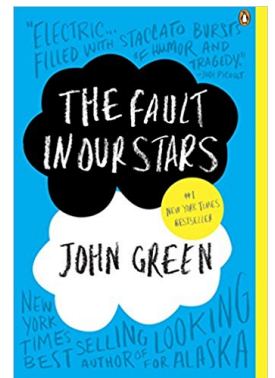
Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine – Gail Honeyman

My Sister's Keeper – Jodi Picoult

Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman (Staff Favourite – Mrs Drummond)

The Perks of Being a Wallflower – Stephen Chbosky

The Time Traveller's Wife – Audrey Niffenegger (Staff Favourite – Mrs Sumner)



War / Conflict

Birdsong – Sebastian Faulks

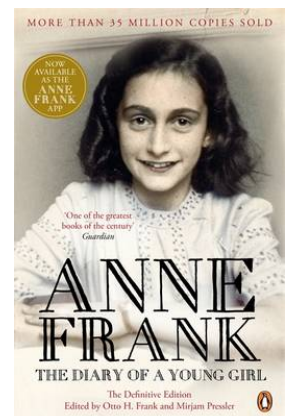
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank (Staff Favourite – Miss Cecil)

The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

War Horse – Michael Morpurgo

Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo

The Recruit – Robert Muchamore



Some writers you may like to read more than one of...

Charles Dickens

Great Expectations – Charles Dickens

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens

The Old Curiosity Shop – Charles Dickens

Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens (Staff Favourite – Mr Preston)

David Copperfield – Charles Dickens



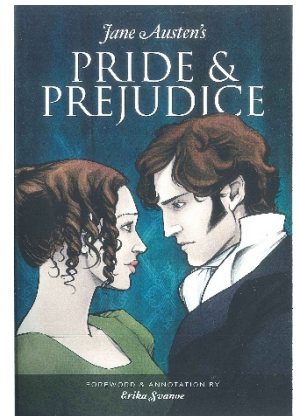
A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens

Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen **(Staff Favourite – Ms Furby, Miss Cecil)**

Emma – Jane Austen

Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen



Dan Brown

The Da Vinci Code

Angels and Demons **(Staff Favourite – Mr Preston)**

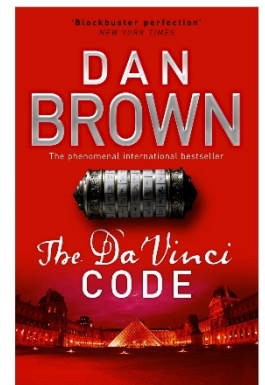
Deception Point

Digital Fortress

The Lost Symbol

Inferno

Origin



J K Rowling

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone **(Staff Favourite – Miss Ouvry)**

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban **(Staff Favourite – Mrs Pegg)**

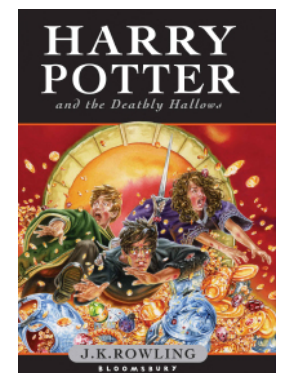
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows **(Staff Favourite- Miss Lampard)**

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them



Subject Specific Recommendations

PE

Lioness: My Journey to Glory by Beth Mead

Redemption by John McAvoy

You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed

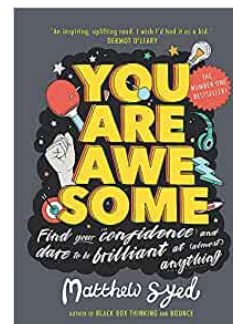
What Do You Think? By Matthew Syed

High Performance: Lessons from the Best on Becoming Your Best by Jake Humphrey and Prof Damian Hughes

You Can Do It – How to Find Your Voice and Make a Difference by Marcus Rashford

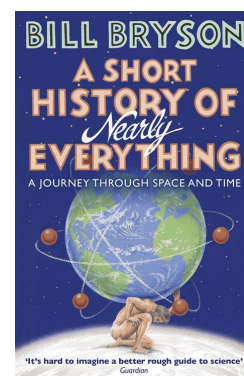
You Have The Power – Find Your Strength and Believe You Can by Leah Williamson

Regular reading of articles on BBC Sport will help provide real world context and support application of taught content in the classroom.



Science

A short history on nearly everything by Bill Bryson



Computer Science

Escape Room by Christopher Edge

Ghost In The Wires: My Adventures as the World's Most Wanted Hacker by Kevin Mitnick



RE

The Shack by William Paul Young

Til We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

Bathsheba – Reluctant Beauty by Angela Hunt

Esther – Royal beauty by Anglea Hunt

The cross and the switchblade by Nicky Cruz

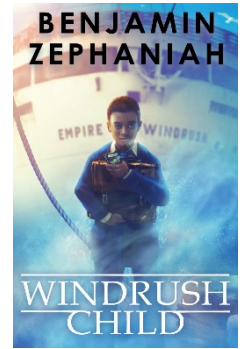


History

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

Six Tudor Queens by Alison Weir

Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah



Staff Favourite Books

Miss Bowers – *The Silent Companions*

Miss Street- *Harry Potter*

Miss Lampard – *Handmaid's Tale and the Hunger Games*

Mrs Choudhury – *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

Miss Marks – *Handmaid's Tale*

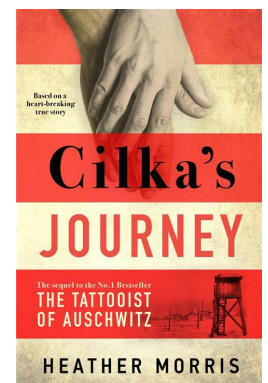
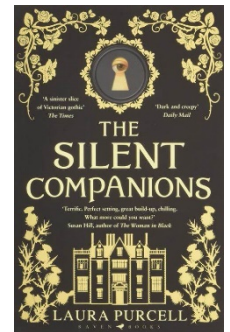
Ms Lefevre – *Wuthering Heights*

Mr Rogers – *Da Vinci Code*

Mr Preston – *The Great Gatsby*

Mrs Atkinson – *1984*

Miss Ouvry – *Cilka's Journey*



Don't know where to get hold of a book? Speak to your tutor, your English teacher, Mr Crouch or Miss Bowers. Nearly all of these books are available for you to borrow in the school library.

Ensure that you are always ready to share your experiences of reading with your tutors and your English teachers.