



## Year 10 and 11 Reading List for Gifted and Talented Students

Reading is one of life's pleasures. It is also really important for developing vocabulary and creative writing skills so it's a good idea to read widely in order to excel in English.

Here is a list of books we hope you will enjoy. Ask in the school or local library.

**+ means an easy read    \* means a challenge**

**\*\* means really challenging**

### Classics

Jane Austen – Pride and Prejudice  
Jane Austen – Persuasion \*(as recommended by Mrs Gane)  
Ray Bradbury – The Silver Locusts (as recommended by Mr Wooster)  
Emily Bronte – Wuthering Heights \*  
Charles Dickens – A Tale of Two Cities \*  
Daphne Du Maurier – Rebecca  
F Scott Fitzgerald – The Great Gatsby \* (as recommended by Mrs Dean)  
Stella Gibbons – Cold Comfort Farm  
Graham Greene – The End of the Affair  
Thomas Hardy – Tess of the D'Urbervilles \*  
Aldous Huxley – Brave New World (as recommended by Mrs Maher)  
Harper Lee – To Kill a Mockingbird  
George Orwell – Nineteen Eighty-Four  
Erich Maria Remarque – All Quiet on the Western Front  
J D Salinger – The Catcher in the Rye  
John Steinbeck – Of Mice and Men  
Leo Tolstoy – Anna Karenina \*\*  
Evelyn Waugh – Brideshead Revisited \*  
Edith Wharton – The Age of Innocence \*

### Autobiography

Maya Angelou – I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Andrea Ashworth – Once in a House on fire  
Vera Brittain – Testament of Youth  
Jung Chang – Wild Swans  
Frank McCourt – Angela's Ashes  
Lorna Sage – Bad Blood

### Modern Fiction

Margaret Atwood – Cat's Eye  
Kate Atkinson – Behind the scenes at the Museum



J D Ballard – Empire of the Sun  
Aiden Chambers – Postcards from No Man’s Land +  
Roddy Doyle – Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha!  
Jane Gardam – Bilgewater +  
Phillipa Gregory – The Other Boleyn Girl  
Mark Haddon – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time +  
Nick Hornby – About a Boy +  
Kasuo Ishiguro – Never Let Me Go  
Joan Lindsay – Picnic at Hanging Rock  
Yann Martel – The Life of Pi  
Alexander McCall Smith – The Number One Ladies’ Detective Agency +  
Mark Mills – The Savage Garden  
David Nicolls – One Day +  
Ann Patchett – Bel Canto  
Mal Peet – Life – An Unexploded Diagram +  
Stef Penney – The Tenderness of Wolves  
Meg Rosoff – How I Live Now +  
Bernard Schlink – The Reader  
Diane Setterfield – The Thirteenth Tale  
Dodie Smith – I Capture the Castle +  
Muriel Spark – The Prime of Miss Jean Brody  
Katherine Stockett – The Help (as recommended by Mrs Gane)  
Donna Tartt – The Secret History  
Sarah Waters – The Little Stranger  
S J Watson – Before I go to Sleep (as recommended by Mrs Blake)  
John Wyndham – The Chrysalids

