

Recommended Reading List for Key Stage 4/5

Reading as an English Expert	Classics and Modern Literature
<p>The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys Orlando by Virginia Woolf Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy Mean Time by Carol Ann Duffy The Yellow Wallpaper by Perkins Gilman Goblin Market and Other Poems by Christina Rossetti The Second Sex by Simone de Beauvoir We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p>	<p>The Great Gatsby by F.Scott Fitzgerald Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Adichie The Colour of Milk by Nell Leyshon Pride and Prejudice or Emma by Jane Austen Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier Dracula by Bram Stoker Great Expectations by Charles Dickens The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger The Road by Cormac McCarthy Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Frankenstein by Mary Shelly Lord of the Flies by William Golding Fingersmith* by Sarah Waters</p>

Fiction

<p>Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah My Sister, The Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe Change is Gonna Come by various authors The Kite Runner* by Khalid Hosseini A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khalid Hosseini The Perks of Being a Wallflower by S. Chbosky The Secret History* by Donna Tartt We Are All Made of Molecules, Word Nerd or No Fixed Address by Susin Nielson Liclle Bit (& sequels) by Alex Wheatle Small Island* by Andrea Levy Hold Back the Stars by Katie Khan Black Flamingo by Dean Atta Jackpot by Nic Stone</p>	<p>Verity by Colleen Hoover It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams Honey and Spice by Bolu Babalola The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by D Adams Ariadne by Jennifer Saint Booked, Rebound or Crossover- Kwame Alexander White Teeth by Zadie Smith Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng 10 Minutes, 38 Seconds in This Strange World by Elif Shafak Falling Fast (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie One Day by David Nicholls Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan Things the Eye Can't See by Penny Joelson Paradise on Fire by Jewell Parker Rhodes</p>
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The more that you read, the more things you will know.

Fantasy, Thriller, Crime	Non-Fiction
<p>Misery by Steven King The Midnight Library by Matt Haig How To Stop Time by Matt Haig Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn If We Were Villains by ML Rio The Woman in the Window by A.J Finn The Guest List by Lucy Foley One of Us is Lying, One of Us Is Next or Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen McManus Carrie or It by Stephen King The Gender Game by Bella Forrest To All the Boys I've Loved Before (& sequels) -J Han The Fault in Our Stars or Looking for Alaska by J Green Divergent (& sequels) by Veronica Roth The Girl On The Train</p>	<p>Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama Becoming by Michelle Obama Educated by Tara Westover Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson Black Boy: A Record of Youth & Childhood-R Wright I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai The Story of My Life by Helen Keller Faster Than Lightning by Usain Bolt I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela A History of the World in 21 Women - Jenni Murray Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII - multiple YA writers (fictionalised biography)</p>
LGBTQ+	War, Conflict and Refugee Experience
<p>The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reed The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller Heartstopper by Alice Oseman (graphic novel) Proud: Stories, Poetry and Art on the theme of Pride by Juno Dawson</p> <div data-bbox="89 1496 788 1706" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Let your teacher know what you read from this list; we always want to know!</p> <p>If you have any other book recommendations, please visit the LRC to put in your request.</p> </div>	<p>The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris Refugees & Asylum Seekers ed. by Lucy Popescu Illegal by Eoin Colfer (graphic novel) All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion Act of Love or The Trap by Alan Gibbons Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay A Country to Call Home: Anthology of Young Refugees & Asylum Seekers ed. by Lucy Popescu The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri</p>

Note to parents: Many of these books are written for young adult readers (13+) or adults; this means there may be 'gritty' content. Please note that any books with a () contain mature content so please be aware of this when choosing a book.*