



Cross Curricular Wider Reading List

English

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Percy Jackson - Rick Riordan	In Year 7, students study a unit relating to Myths and Legends - this exciting fantasy novel will develop understanding of famous mythological characters and creatures.
Year 8	Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah	In Year 8, students study texts from around the world. This moving tale encourages empathy and understanding by telling the story of a 14-year-old refugee from Ethiopia.
Year 9	Educating Rita - Willy Russell	In Year 9, students read Blood Brothers, a play by Willy Russell which explores themes relating to social class. This too is explored in another of his works, Educating Rita.
Year 10	The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas	Students learn to explore and analyse modern fiction extracts in KS4. This book also considers important societal themes which may prompt students to write creatively too.
Year 11	1984 - George Orwell	A novel that will encourage students to engage with the dystopian genre, developing understanding and appreciation of Orwell as a writer, and promote the subject at KS5.

Mathematics

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure	An entertaining and enjoyable fantasy novel which follows twelve-year-old Robert and his adventures with The Number Devil.
Year 8	The Time and Space of Uncle Albert - Russel Stannard	An exciting fiction book with an action-packed story that follows a pair of Mathematicians adventure through time and space.
Year 9	At Sixes and Sevens - Rachel Riley	An engaging, accessible introduction into how numbers work and why we shouldn't be afraid of them, from maths expert Rachel Riley.
Year 10	Humble Pi: A Comedy of Maths Errors - Matt Parker	What makes a bridge wobble when it's not meant to? Billions of dollars mysteriously vanish into thin air? A building rock when its resonant frequency matches a gym class leaping to Snap's 1990 hit <i>I've Got The Power</i> ? The answer is maths. Or, to be precise, what happens when maths goes wrong in the real world. As Matt Parker shows us, our modern lives are built on maths: computer programmes, finance, engineering. And most of the time this maths works quietly behind the scenes, until ... it doesn't.
Year 11	The Enigma: Alan Turing - Andrew Hodges	Alan Turing was the mathematician whose cipher-cracking transformed the Second World War. Taken on by British Intelligence in 1938, as a shy young Cambridge don, he combined brilliant logic with a flair for engineering. This book was the inspiration for the film <i>The Imitation Game</i> .

Science

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Horrible Science: Fatal Forces - Nick Arnold	In term 1, Year 7 students revisit and develop knowledge relating to forces.
Year 8	Horrible Science: Disgusting Digestion - Nick Arnold	In term 1, Year 8 visit topics relating to body systems and health and lifestyle.
Year 9	No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference - Greta Thunberg	In term 1, Year 9 students consider the future. This book is a collection of the history-making, ground-breaking speeches of Greta Thunberg, the young activist who has become the voice of a generation.
Year 10	The Body: A Guide for Occupants - Bill Bryson	Relating to Human Biology, this entertaining read by Bill Bryson explores in detail concepts relating to the Biology curriculum.
Year 11	Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro	This gripping dystopian novel reveals a shocking modern society with human cloning at its centre.

History

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Horrible Histories: The Measly Middle Ages	In term 2, Year 7 students develop their understanding of Medieval England, including themes of monarchs, power, religion, conflict which are explored in this book.
Year 8	Anne Frank's Diary	In term 3, students learn about The Holocaust. This important text is a first-hand account of young Anne Frank's experiences of World War 2.
Year 9	To Kill a Mockingbird - Harper Lee	In Term 1, students learn about American Civil rights. <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> is a coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel, a historical drama of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition.
Year 10	The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper - Hallie Rubenhold	This gripping piece of nonfiction tells the story of the victims of Jack the Ripper, developing knowledge students would have gained in Year 9 through their study of Crime and Punishment.
Year 11	Unruly - David Mitchell	A funny, clever history of our early kings and queens by an excellent comedian, this nonfiction book recaps England's most powerful rulers to support GCSE revision.

Geography

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Northern Lights - Philip Pullman	In term 1, Year 7 students consider what it means to be a Geographer. This exciting fantasy book develops a fascination of Geography and exploration through one young girl's quest across mystical lands.
Year 8	Running Wild - Michael Morpurgo	In term 3, Year 8 students consider how our planet is changing. Running Wild is a children's novel by Michael Morpurgo first published in 2009. It recounts the adventures of a boy who has to survive in the Indonesian jungle after being rescued from a tsunami by an elephant.
Year 9	Shackleton: The Boss - The Remarkable Adventures of a Heroic Antarctic Explorer - Michael Smith	In half term 2, Year 9 students explore the importance of icy terrains. This nonfiction text tells the story of Ernest Shackleton and his heroic venture across the Antarctic.
Year 10	I am Malala - Malala Yousafzai	In the GCSE course, students consider urban issues and challenges faced in UK cities. This moving memoir will encourage students to think about societal and political issues faced by others in different parts of the world.
Year 11	Prisoners of Geography - Tim Marshall	This thought-provoking explores more deeply concepts that relate to modern human Geography and also introduces students to some of the concepts relevant to KS5 study.

Religious Studies

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens	In half term 2, students consider whether Christmas has lost its meaning in our modern society. This classic tale engages with similar themes.
Year 8	The boy at the back of the class - Onjali Q. Raúf	In term 1, students consider themes of equality, and in term 3, students consider how we express religious identity. This moving tale offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis and teaches you that kindness and friendship can really improve someone's life in many ways.
Year 9	As long as the lemon tree grows - Zoulfa Katouh	Throughout Year 9, students learn about the beliefs and teachings of a number of world religions. This moving novel follows Salama Kassab, an 18 year old pharmacy student, when the cries for freedom broke out in Syria, and will encourage students to develop understanding of other cultures as well as empathy.
Year 10	The Midnight Library - Matt Haig	In the GCSE course, students consider the concept of an afterlife. This novel was a best-seller and follows a British woman unhappy in her dead-end life who is given the opportunity to experience lives she might have had if she had made different choices.
Year 11	All-American Muslim Girl - Nadine Jolie Courtney	Islam is one of the religions students learn about in detail through the GCSE course. Nadine Jolie Courtney's novel is a relevant, relatable story of being caught between two worlds, and the struggles and hard-won joys of finding your place.

Business Studies and Computing

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Minecraft: Amazing Bitesize Builds -	Linked to the development of computer skills with links also to the KS3 Maths curriculum, this text teaches young people how to build and customise items in the popular game Minecraft.
Year 8	Girls Who Run the World: Thirty CEOs Who Mean Business - Diana Kapp	Part biography, part business how-to, and fully empowering, this book shows that you're never too young to dream BIG! With colourful portraits, fun interviews and DIY tips, <i>Girls Who Run the World</i> features the success stories of 31 leading ladies today of companies like Rent the Runway, PopSugar, and Soul Cycle to inspire an interest in the subject.
Year 9	Teenpreneur - Errol Lawson	Teenpreneur is a manual and a guide for every young person that wants to start their own business, create some wealth and make a difference in the world.
Year 10	Shoe Dog - Phil Knight	Nike founder and board chairman Phil Knight offers a rare and revealing look at the notoriously media-shy man behind the swoosh illuminating his company's early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world's most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands.
Year 11	Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow - Gabrielle Zevin	Linking to the GCSE Computer Science curriculum, this is a moving fiction novel which follows the lives, successes and losses of two young game designers who met as children in hospital.

Physical Education

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	You are a Champion - Marcus Rashford	In KS3 PE, students develop their "head, hearts and hands" - this memoir written by Rashford considers the importance of mindset and resilience, not just in sport but in all aspects of our lives.
Year 8	Blacktop - LJ Alonge	This series contains four short novels, each featuring a different member of a basketball team in Oakland, California. With plenty of drama on and off the court, these books are perfect for YA readers that love smart, realistic fiction.
Year 9	Coasting - Elise Downing	When Elise compared herself to her friends, they were all getting engaged, having babies and buying houses. Finding her life looked different, she felt she needed a challenge - so decided to run the entire coast of the British Isles. This autobiography details her incredible journey.
Year 10	Lioness - Beth Mead	Written following the victory of the Lionesses in the Women's Euros, this autobiography shares the England midfielder's journey to sporting success in a sport typically dominated by males.
Year 11	Fever Pitch - Nick Hornby	A coming of age novel which explores one man's relationship with football.

Art and Design Technology

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Haikyu! - Haruichi Furudate	Linking to themes including graphic design, this exciting manga book will engage reluctant readers.
Year 8	They Both Die at the End - Adam Silvera	Discovering they have less than 24 hours to live, two young strangers embark on an adventure of a life-time within the confines of one day, thanks to an incredible newly designed app called The Last Friend.
Year 9	Heartstopper - Alice Oseman	A beautifully illustrated novel which will encourage students to consider the relationship between the written word and elements of design. Shortlisted for the British Book Awards Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year 2020
Year 10	Frankenstein - Mary Shelley	A thrilling Gothic tale. A young man's search for the secret of the spark of life leads him to a horrific experiment in which he creates a gigantic creature from dismembered body parts.
Year 11	Ultra Processed People - Chris Van Tulleken	Linking to concepts of healthy eating in GCSE Food and Nutrition, this nonfiction read explores the dangers of the modern food industry.

Performing Arts

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Peter Pan - J M Barrie	Originally a play and now a much-loved adapted Disney film, this is a timeless, classic story of a boy who never grew up.
Year 8	War Horse - Michael Morpurgo	This gripping description of war, told from the perspective of a horse called Joey, has been adapted for the stage using physical theatre methods, which is something students study in Year 8 Drama.
Year 9	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime - Simon Stephens	A play adapted for the West End stage, this text follows Christopher, aged 15, as his detective work takes him on a frightening adventure.
Year 10	The Woman in Me - Britney Spears	A memoir written by teen pop sensation Britney Spears, who gives an honest and emotional account of the successes and challenges she faced growing up in the performing industry.
Year 11	Me - Elton John	In his first and only official autobiography, music icon Elton John reveals the truth about his extraordinary life, which is also the subject of the film Rocketman.

Modern Foreign Languages

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Harry Potter à l'École des Sorciers - J K Rowling	A French translation of the beloved Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.
Year 8	Short Stories in German for Beginners - Olly Richards	A number of engaging short stories to help students to build vocabulary and grammar understanding in German through the medium of storytelling.
Year 9	Le tour du monde en quatre-vingts jours - Jules Verne	Originally published in French, Around the World in Eighty Days is an adventure novel that follows the inventor Phileas Fogg.
Year 10	Tödliche Spiele: Die Tribute von Panem 1 - Suzanne Collins	Students would have read The Hunger Games in Key Stage Three English - challenge your linguistic capabilities by encountering the same novel in a foreign language.
Year 11	Les Miserables - Victor Hugo	Jean Valjean, an escaped convict, becomes the mayor of a town and the guardian of a young girl. Years later, his past catches up with him and he gets caught in a political uprising in Paris.

CAPE

Year Group	Suggested Reading	Link to the curriculum
Year 7	Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman	Linked to the principle of racial equality, this dystopian novel challenges readers to consider a society shaped by different views.
Year 8	You Can Do It - Marcus Rashford	From the international football icon, activist and author of <i>You Are a Champion</i> comes another volume to inspire and energise young readers, helping them to find their voices and use their assertiveness to achieve beneficial goals.
Year 9	The Art of Being Normal - Lisa Williamson	A fiction book which follows the stories of two "outsiders" who form an unlikely friendship.
Year 10	Failosophy for Teens - Elizabeth Day	The bestselling author of <i>How to Fail</i> adapts her empowering philosophy for a teenage audience in this enlightening and reassuring volume that demonstrates how it is possible to learn from situations that didn't go your way.
Year 11	1984 - George Orwell	Students will have read Orwell's Animal Farm in KS4 English; this dystopian novel confronts readers with similarly challenging ideas relating to equality in society.