



Year 10 & 11 Academic Reading List

Subject	Book
English	An Inspector Calls by J. B. Priestley
An Inspector Calls by J B Priestley centres on Inspector Goole's interrogation of the Birling family, following the death of a young girl called Eva Smith. Are they to blame? You will be studying this in Years 10 and 11 You will analyse the language and structure of a text and write a fictional text of their own. You will develop an understanding of how to answer the Language Paper 1 questions in exam conditions.	
Spanish	The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
The most captivating young adult romance books set in Madrid. The story is just perfectly crafted, the characters are easy to connect with, while the events accurately paint a picture of 1957 Spain. Under the fascist regime, life is far from ideal for most people in the country.	
History	Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve
One of Myrddin's slaves, and one of the main characters in the book, is a girl called Gwyna, who spends a lot of the book pretending to be a boy. Myrddin enlists Gwyna to help create the Lady of the Lake myth. Myrddin tells Gwyna to swim down through the lake with a sword. He instructs her to wait in the lake until everyone is gathered round and then rise out of the water.	
Geography	The Boy who Harnessed the Wind by Bryan Mealer and William Kamkwamba
When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever he could build a windmill.	
PE	You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be by Marcus Rashford
Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch – but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was just an ordinary kid from Wythenshawe, South Manchester. Now the nation's favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.	
Maths	How Not to Be Wrong the Hidden Maths of everyday life by Jordan Ellenberg
Ellenberg explores the mathematician's method of analysing life, from the everyday to the cosmic, showing us which numbers to defend, which ones to ignore, and when to change the equation entirely. Along the way, he explains calculus in a single page, describes Gödel's theorem using only one-syllable words, and reveals how early you need to get to the airport.	
Science	The Disappearing Spoon by Sam Kean
The periodic table is one of our crowning scientific achievements, but it's also a treasure trove of passion, adventure, betrayal and obsession. The fascinating tales in The Disappearing Spoon follow carbon, neon, silicon, gold and every single element on the table as they play out their parts in human history, finance, mythology, conflict, the arts, medicine and the lives of the (frequently) mad scientists who discovered them.	
IT	Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Days after winning OASIS founder James Halliday's contest, Wade Watts makes a discovery that changes everything. Hidden within Halliday's vaults, waiting for his heir to find it, lies a technological advancement that will once again change the world and make the OASIS a thousand times more wondrous - and addictive - than even Wade dreamed possible. With it comes a new riddle, and a new quest	
DT Food	The Baker's Secret by Stephen P. Kiernan
Emma has been baking alongside master baker Ezra Kuchen since she was thirteen. She watches with horror as he's pulled away from his shop for being Jewish. Tasked now with baking a dozen daily loaves of bread for the German troops, she finds a way to use her extra flour rations to sneak in a couple of extra loaves for her neighbours only does Emma nourish their hungry stomachs, but she finds a way to feed hope.	
Art	Playing to the Gallery Helping Contemporary Art in its struggles to be understood by Grayson Perry
Grayson talks about his own funny, personal journey through the art world and answers the basic questions that might occur to us in an art gallery but seem too embarrassing to ask. Questions such as: What is good or bad art - and does it even matter? Is there any way to test if something is art, other than a large group of people standing around looking at it?	
Drama	Five Plays by John Godber
Five Plays: Bouncers; Teechers; up 'N' Under; September in the Rain; Happy Jack	