

KS4 Reading List



Recommended Further Reading for
GCSE Subjects

Biology

Adventures Of A Young Naturalist	David Attenborough
The Origin Of Species	Charles Darwin
The Selfish Gene	Richard Dawkins

Chemistry

Periodic Tables: The Curious Lives Of The Elements	Hugh Aldersley-Williams
The Disappearing Spoon	Sam Kean
Napoleon's Buttons: How 17 Molecules Changed History	Penny Le Couteur & Jay Burreson
Stuff Matters: The Strange Stories Of The Marvellous Materials That Shape Our Man-Made World	Mark Miodownik
What If? Serious Scientific Answers To Absurd Hypothetical Questions	Randall Munroe

Physics

QED: The Strange Theory Of Light And Matter	Richard P Feynman
The Character Of Physical Law	Richard P Feynman
Six Easy Pieces: Essentials Of Physics Explained	Richard P Feynman

Geography

How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint Of Everything	Mike Berners-Lee
Neither Here, Nor There: Travels In Europe	Bill Bryson
Notes From A Small Island	Bill Bryson
127 Hours: Between A Rock And A Hard Place	Aron Ralston
Fast Food Nation: What The All American Meal Is Doing To the World	Eric Schlosser

Design and Technology

101 Danish Design Icons	Lars Dybadhi
Bauhaus	Boris Friedewald
Marker Rendering Techniques	Dick Powell
The Sustainable Design Book	Rebecca Proctor
Starck	Phillippe Starck

English

Fiction

Wuthering Heights	Emily Brontë
Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier
The Trial	Franz Kafka
Life Of Pi	Yann Martel
One Of Us Is Lying	Karen M. McManus
1984	George Orwell
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley
Dracula	Bram Stoker
Decline And Fall	Evelyn Waugh

Poetry

Selected Poems	W. H. Auden
Ten Years In An Open Necked Shirt	John Cooper Clarke
The World's Wife	Carol Ann Duffy
Beowulf	Seamus Heaney
Selected Poems	D. H. Lawrence

Plays

The History Boys	Alan Bennett
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Mother Courage And Her Children	Bertolt Brecht
A View From The Bridge	Arthur Miller
Blood Brothers	Willy Russell
Educating Rita	Willy Russell
The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time	Simon Stephens
Julius Caesar	William Shakespeare
Othello	William Shakespeare
The Importance Of Being Earnest	Oscar Wilde

Non-Fiction

Essays	George Orwell
How Not To Be A Boy	Robert Webb
William Shakespeare: A Very Short Introduction	Stanley Wells
Shakespeare's Tragedies: A Very Short Introduction	Stanley Wells
Prozac Nation: Young And Depressed In America	Elizabeth Wurtzel

Business And Economics

50 Economic Ideas You Really Need To Know	Edmund Conway
Super Business: How I Started SuperJam From My Gran's Kitchen	Fraser Doherty
Tycoon	Peter Jones
The Business Book	Dorling Kindersley
The Teenager's Guide To Money	Jonathan Self

Music

The AB Guide To Music Theory	Eric Taylor
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History

The Spy Who Came In From The Cold	John le Carré
The Cold War	John Lewis Gaddis
Hitler	Ian Kershaw
Blood & Guts: A History Of Surgery	Richard Holingham
Look Who's Back	Timur Vermes

Mandarin (Zhong Wen)中文

Monkey	Wu Ch'êng-ên & Arthur Waley (Tr)
Frog	Mo Yan & Howard Goldblatt (Tr)
Little Reunions	Ailing Zhang

PE

I Am The Secret Footballer: Lifting The Lid On The Beautiful Game	Anon
Absolutely Foxed	Graeme Fowler
And God Created Cricket	Simon Hughes
Unguarded: My Autobiography	Jonathan Trott
Coming Back To Me	Marcus Trescothick

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

The Second Sex	Simone de Beauvoir
Status Anxiety	Alain de Botton
The Brothers Karamazov	Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Sophie's World	Jostein Gaarder
Siddhartha	Hermann Hesse
God Is Not Great	Christopher Hitchens