

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT READING LIST

If you are thinking of continuing your studies to KS5 or degree level, consider exploring the following texts...

Literature

Y11s preparing for A Level:

Beloved by Toni Morrison
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
Dracula by Bram Stoker
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
The Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Regeneration - Pat Barker
Cloud Atlas - David Mitchel
Shakespeare: Richard II/ Taming of the Shrew
Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury
The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood
The World's Wife Carol Anne Duffy
This Boy's Life Tobias Wolf
The Story of English Robert McCrum
The Adventures of English Melvyn Bragg

Y13s preparing for degree:

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Harvest by Jim Crace
Beloved by Toni Morrison
Waterland by Graham Swift
The End of the Affair by Graham Greene
The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
Glengarry Glen Ross by David Mamet
As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
Beowulf Seamus Heaney translation
The Literature of Renaissance England (Hollander & Kermode)
Emma Jane Austen
Mary Barton Elizabeth Gaskell
The Lives of the Poets Michel Schmidt

Language

Y11s preparing for A Level:

Into the Woods: How Stories Work and Why We Tell Them by John Yorke.
A Little Book of Language by David Crystal
How Language Works by David Crystal
English Accents and Dialects by Hughes, Trudhill and Watt
Teentalk - The Language of Adolescents by Tagliamonte
Radio 4 *Word of Mouth* podcasts.

Autobiography.

The Long Walk To Freedom by Nelson Mandela
Wild Swans by Jung Chang

Y13s preparing for degree:

Begin by brushing up on general grammar rules (e.g. knowing tenses, being able to classify words easily) This is an expectation of most courses.

Contemporary Stylistics: Language, Cognition, Interpretation (Edinburgh Textbooks on the English Language - Advanced) (Paperback) by Alison Gibbons (Author), Sara Whiteley (Author)
The All New Don't Think of an Elephant! Paperback by George Lakoff (Author)

Anything by Fairclough/M.A.K Halliday/David Crystal

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