

**Islwyn High School
English Department**



**Key Stage Four
Reading Suggestions**

On the following pages, you will find some suggestions for your personal reading. Reading is power, and good for the soul! Read, read and read... (* = A Mrs Edwards Recommendation)

Some pre twentieth century classics:

<i>Persuasion*</i> / <i>Pride & Prejudice*</i>	Jane Austen
<i>Jane Eyre*</i>	Charlotte Bronte
<i>Wuthering Heights*</i>	Emily Bronte
<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	Daniel Defoe
<i>Great Expectations</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles*</i>	Thomas Hardy
<i>Frankenstein</i>	Mary Shelley
<i>The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde</i>	R.L. Stephenson
<i>Dracula*</i>	Bram Stoker
<i>The Picture of Dorian Grey</i>	Oscar Wilde

Modern classics:

<i>The Handmaid's Tale*</i>	Margaret Atwood
<i>Rebecca*</i>	Daphne Du Maurier
<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F. Scott Fitzgerald
<i>Howards End</i>	E.M. Forester
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> ¹	William Golding
<i>Catch 22</i>	Joseph Heller
<i>Remains of the Day / Never Let Me Go</i> ¹	Kazuo Ishiguro
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> ¹	Harper Lee
<i>Beloved</i>	Toni Morrison
<i>1984 / Animal Farm</i> ¹	George Orwell
<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	J.D. Salinger

¹ = GCSE Set Text

"I do believe
something very magical
can happen when you
read a good book."
-J.K. Rowling



Should be / Will be classics:

*Boys Don't Cry**

*Red Rising**

*The Hunger Games Trilogy**

*One**

*The Kite Runner**

*The Conqueror Series**

Wolf Hall / Bring up the Bodies**

*Atonement**

*A Monster Calls**

*Dreaming Trilogy**

*Lies We Tell Ourselves**

The Hate U Give

Malorie Blackman

Pierce Brown

Suzanne Collins

Sarah Cross

Khaled Hosseini

Conn Iggulden

Hilary Mantel

Ian McEwan

Patrick Ness

Manda Scott

Robin Talley

Angie Thomas

You want weapons? We're in a
library! Books! The best weapons in
the world! This room's the greatest
arsenal we could have - arm
yourselves!

- The Doctor - Doctor Who. BBC (2006)

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

The Others:

The Crow Road

The Bunker Diary

A Clockwork Orange

Junk

The Girl with the Pearl Earring

The Lost and Found

Heroes¹ / The Chocolate War

The Maze Runner series

Bog Child

*Birdsong**

Blood Family

The Graveyard Book

Maggot Moon

The Beach

Looking for Alaska

*The Lie Tree**

*The Fatherland**

The Power of Five series

*The Secret Life of Bees**

*The Shining**

Ian Banks

Kevin Brooks

Anthony Burgess

Melvin Burgess

Tracey Chavalier

Cat Clarke

Robert Cormier

James Dashner

Siobhan Dowd

Sebastian Faulks

Anne Fine

Neil Gaiman

Sally Gardner

Alex Garland

John Green

Frances Hardinge

Robert Harris

Anthony Horowitz

Sue Monk Kidd

Stephen King

The Others continued...

There Will Be Lies

We Were Liars

Buffalo Soldier

Life of Pi

The Knife of Never Letting Go

*The Long Earth**

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece

The God of Small Things

*Divergent series**

*Harry Potter**

The Lovely Bones

The Ghosts of Heaven

Anita and Me¹

Five Colour One

The Art of Being Normal

Refugee Boy

*The Book Thief**

Nick Lake

E Lockhart

Tanya Landman

Yann Martel

Patrick Ness

Terry Pratchett

Annabel Pritchard

Arundhati Ray

Veronica Roth

J.K. Rowling

Alice Sebold

Marcus Sedgwick

Meera Syal

Jenny Valentine

Lisa Williamson

Benjamin Zephaniah

Marcus Zusak

This is not an exhaustive list, merely some suggestions and recommendations. If you have any suggestions to make, please let us know.

Happy reading!