

Key Stage 3 and 4 Stretch and Challenge Reading Lists:

Note to parents/carers: books from this list may will increasingly contain adult themes and some are written for adults. By secondary school age, we would increasingly expect our more mature young people to be ready to engage with this writing but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask Mr Smith (school librarian).

Keystage 3 Stretch and Challenge Reading List:

Louisa May Alcott – *Little Women*
Malorie Blackman - *Noughts and Crosses series*
Douglas Adams - *Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
Lewis Carroll - *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
Charles Dickens - *Oliver Twist*
Arthur Conan Doyle - *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
Kathryn Erskine - *Mockingbird*
Anne Frank – *Diary of a Young Girl*
Zana Fraillion - *The Bone Sparrow*
Jamila Gavin – *Coram Boy or Blackberry Blue*
Candy Gourlay - *Bone Talk*
Will Hill - *After the Fire*
Harper Lee - *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Patrick Ness - *The Knife of Never Letting Go* (& sequels – Chaos Walking trilogy)
Phillip Pullman -- *His Dark Materials series*
Phillip Reeve - *Mortal Engines or Railhead series*
Jason Reynolds - *Long Way Down*
Mildred Taylor - *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
Jacqueline Woodson - *Brown Girl Dreaming*
Lois Lowry - *The Giver*
Susan Nielsen - *No Fixed Address*
Ruta Sepetys - *Salt to the Sea*
RL Stevenson – *Treasure Island*
JR Tolkein – *The Lord of the Rings*
Benjamin Zephaniah - *Refugee Boy*
Marcus Zusak - *The Book Thief*

Key Stage 4 Stretch and Challenge List

Chinua Achebe - *Things Fall Apart*
Tomi Adeyemi - *Children of Blood and Bone*
Chimamanda Adichie - *Purple Hibiscus*
Deepa Anappara – *Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line*

Maya Angelou - *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*
Margaret Atwood - *The Testaments* or *The Handmaid's Tale*
Jane Austen *Pride and Prejudice; Emma*
Alan Bennet – *The History Boys*
Charlotte Bronte *Jane Eyre*
Emily Brontë *Wuthering Heights*
Joseph Conrad - *Heart of Darkness*
Charles Dickens- *Great Expectations*
Gavin Extence – *The Universe vs Alex Wood*
F Scott Fitzgerald -- *The Great Gatsby*
Stephen Fry- *The Ode Less Travelled*
Thomas Hardy - *Far from the Madding Crowd; Tess of the D'ubervilles*
Susan Hill – *Woman in Black*
Khalid Hosseini – *The Kite Runner* or *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
Kazuo Ishiguro – *Never Let Me Go*
Stephen Kelman – *Pigeon English*
Daniel Keyes – *Flowers for Algernon*
Toni Morrison – *Beloved* or *The Bluest Eye*
Edgar Allen Poe - *Tales of Mystery and Terror*
Erich Remarque – *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Robert Louis Stevenson - *Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde*
Meera Syal - *Anita and Me*
Oscar Wilde - *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
William Golding - *Lord of the Flies*
George Orwell - *Animal Farm; 1984*
J.D. Salinger - *The Catcher in the Rye*
Mark Twain – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
Adeline Yen Mah - *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah
Alice Walker - *The Color Purple*
Colson Whitehead – *The Nickel Boys*