



**SUMMER**  
READING  
**LIST**

Summer Reading List  
2017

## Your Summer Reading List...

With the days and weeks of the Summer Holiday stretching in front of you, there will be time for you to immerse yourself in great literature. What could be better? There is so much out there to spark your imagination, fire-up your creativity and, ultimately, help you to think more deeply and critically.

We have chosen some books we think will make a difference to your studies. Please do take the time to read some of them. Make the commitment now! Aim for at least 25 pages a day, to start with. You will begin your Sixth Form career so much the wiser.

If you are looking for further inspiration, try the 'Review' section of the Guardian website. You will be able to read about some great works of recently-released fiction and non-fiction.

Or maybe explore some of the websites dedicated to great books; [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) is a great starting point.

So go on...make sure this Summer you get ahead by getting lost in some reading. A whole new world awaits, and you don't even have to leave home to explore it!

Lee Walker

*“What a miracle it is that out of these small, flat, rigid squares of paper unfolds world after world after world, worlds that sing to you, comfort and quiet or excite you. Books help us understand who we are and how we are to behave. They show us what community and friendship mean; they show us how to live and die.”* — Anne Lamott, writer

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### Art and Photography

Phaidon Press	The Art Book (pocket size edition)
Phaidon Press	The Photography Book (pocket size edition)
Phaidon Press	The Fashion Book (pocket sized edition)

### Biology

Alex Boese	Elephants on Acid: and Other Bizarre Experiments
Alex Boese	Hippo Eats Dwarf
Richard Dawkins	The Selfish Gene, The Blind Watchmaker
Len Fisher	Weighing the Soul: The Evolution of Scientific Beliefs
Ben Goldacre	Bad Science
Nick Lane	Power, Sex, Suicide: Mitochondria and the meaning of life
Matt Ridley	Genome
Rebecca Skloot	Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
New Scientist magazine	

### Business Studies

Magazines and papers which provide a broad look at business and current affairs include:

Business Review Magazines

The Guardian	<a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/business">http://www.guardian.co.uk/business</a>
The Times	<a href="http://business.timesonline.co.uk/">http://business.timesonline.co.uk/</a>
The Daily Telegraph	<a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/</a> finance
Business Week	<a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/europe">http://www.bloomberg.com/europe</a>
The Economist	<a href="http://www.economist.com/">http://www.economist.com/</a>

East Anglian Daily Times - Business Section – Tuesday supplement

Business biographies – e.g. those about Bill Gates, Sir Richard Branson and Martha Lane

Fox

## **Chemistry**

Jim Al-Khalili	Atom
John Emsley	Nature's Building Blocks: An A – Z Guide to the Elements
Sam Kean	The Disappearing Spoon
Richard Preston	The Hot Zone
New Scientist magazine	

## **Computer Science**

Programming is an important element of the Computer Science course. During the course we use two main programming languages. One is Visual Basic written on the Visual Studio Express IDE. This can be freely downloaded from <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/download/details.aspx?id=44914>. The other is JavaScript which we program to provide functionality to websites generated in HTML. JavaScript and HTML can be programmed using a simple text editor such as Notepad++. Again, this can be freely downloaded from sites such as <https://notepad-plus-plus.org/news/notepad-7.4.1-released.html>

The internet has a vast array of free tutorials you can use to learn both languages.

Keeping up to date with current technological developments will help prepare you for the course. Useful resources include

BBC Click - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/n13xtmd5>

BBC Technology News - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology>

## **Dance**

Laura Ashley	Essential Guide to Dance
Keith Garebian	The Making of "West Side Story"
Joan W White	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Dance in Britain. A History of Five Dance Companies

Dancing Times

Dance Today

<http://www.alvinailey.org/>

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre

Rambert Dance Company Website

## **Drama and Theatre**

Aristophanes	Lysistrata
Ben Crystal	Springboard Shakespeare
Chekhov	The Seagull
Steven Berkoff	The Trial
Dario Fo	Accidental Death of an Anarchist
Thomas Kenneally	The Playmaker
Millie Taylor	Studying Musical Theatre: Theory and Practice
Gerry Tebbutt	Musical Theatre (Handbook)

## **Economics**

BBC Economy page (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy>)

The Guardian, The Times, The Telegraph and The Economist magazine

## **English Language**

Bill Bryson	Mother Tongue
David Crystal	A Little Book of Language
David Crystal	The Stories of English
David Crystal	The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language
Simon Heffer	Strictly English
Henry Hitchings	The Language Wars: A History of Proper English
Robert McCrum	Globish: How the English Language became the World's Language

## **English Literature**

Year 12 will be reading texts by some of the following authors and playwrights:

Angela Carter, L.P. Hartley, Ian McEwan, Shakespeare (tragedies) and Mary Shelley.

## WIDER READING LIST (2017)

### 1. The struggle for identity

- Schindler's Ark, Thomas Keneally
- The Woman Who Walked Into Doors, Roddy Doyle
- Small Island, Andrea Levy
- Slaughterhouse 5, Kurt Vonnegut
- Girl, Interrupted, Susanna Kaysen

### 2. Crime and punishment/Psychological thriller

- The Son, Jo Nesbo
- Follow You Home, Mark Edwards
- Revenge, Martina Cole
- The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, Stieg Larsson
- Inspector Rebus series, Ian Rankin

### 3. Minds under stress

- The Yellow Wall-Paper, Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Shutter Island, Dennis Lehane
- American Psycho, Bret Easton Ellis
- Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, Hunter S. Thompson
- Gone Girl, Gillian Flynn

### 4. Nostalgia and the past

- The Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold
- Fried Green Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Café, Fannie Flagg
- The Virgin Suicides, Jeffrey Eugenides
- The Secret Scripture, Sebastian Barry
- And the Mountains Echoed, Khaled Hosseini

### 5. The Gothic

- The Castle of Otranto: A Gothic Story, Horace Walpole
- Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
- Dracula, Bram Stoker
- The Woman in Black, Susan Hill
- The Raven, Tell Tale Heart, The Pit and the Pendulum, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Masque of the Red Death, Edgar Allan Poe

### 6. Dystopia

- Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
- Nineteen Eighty-Four, George Orwell
- A Clockwork Orange, Anthony Burgess
- Battle Royale, Koushun Takami
- The Forest of Hands and Teeth, Carrie Ryan

## 7. War and conflict

- Catch-22, Joseph Heller
- Matterhorn, Karl Marlantes
- Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe
- The Secret Battle, A P Herbert
- Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

## 8. Race and ethnicity

- Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Twelve Years a Slave: A True Story, Solomon Northup
- The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini
- Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison
- Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston

## 9. Sexuality

- Lolita, Craig Raine and Vladimir Nabokov
- Lady Chatterley's Lover, D. H. Lawrence
- Giovanni's Room, James Baldwin
- Maurice, E.M. Forster
- Her Name in the Sky, Kelly Quindlen

## 10. Representations of women

- The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath
- Memoirs Of A Geisha, Arthur Golden
- Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
- A Summer Bird-cage, Margaret Drabble
- The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne

## 11. Representations of men

- The Godfather, Mario Puzo
- The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared, Jonas Jonasson
- A Man In Love Karl, Ove Knausgaard
- Cold Mountain, Charles Frazier
- The Bloody Chamber, Angela Carter

## 12. Social class and culture

- Trainspotting, Irvine Welsh
- Wise Children, Angela Carter
- The Beach, Alex Garland
- Mrs Dalloway, Virginia Woolf
- Dubliners, James Joyce

## **Film Studies**

BBC Entertainment	@bbcentertain <a href="http://bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment_and_arts">http://bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment_and_arts</a>
BBC Films	@BBCFilms <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/film/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/film/</a>
BFI	@BFI <a href="http://www.bfi.org.uk/">http://www.bfi.org.uk/</a>
Empire Magazine	@empiremagazine <a href="http://www.empireonline.com/magazine/">http://www.empireonline.com/magazine/</a>
Guardian Film	@guardianfilm <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/film">http://www.guardian.co.uk/film</a>
Film 4	@Film4 <a href="http://www.film4.com/">http://www.film4.com/</a>
Total Film	@totalfilm <a href="http://www.totalfilm.com/magazine">http://www.totalfilm.com/magazine</a>
Mark Kermode	The Good, The Bad and The Multiplex

## **Geography**

Yann Arthus-Bertrand	The New Earth from Above
Bill Bryson	Bill Bryson's African Diary Icons of England Neither Here nor There Notes from a Small Island
Nick Crane	The Making of the British Landscape
Jared Diamond	Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Survive Guns, Germs and Steel
Danny Dorling	Population 10 Billion
Tim Marshall	Prisoners of Geography

## **Government and Politics**

Political Biographies of Twentieth Century Prime Ministers	
Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale
Ray Bradbury	Fahrenheit 451
Walter Greenwood	Love on the Dole
Aldous Huxley	Brave New World



George Orwell	Animal Farm
	Down and Out in Paris and London
	1984
Robert Tressell	The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist

## History

The Department have produced a separate list. Other suggestions to choose from are:

Denise Chong	The Girl in the Picture
Gregory Fremont-Barnes	The Boer War 1899-1902
Clive Ponting	The Crimean War: The Truth behind the Myth

## Early Modern

John Guy	The Tudors- A very short introduction
John Guy	Tudor England
Dairmaid MacCulloch	Reformation: Europe's House Divided

## Modern

Orlando Figes	The People's Tragedy
Robert J MacMahon	The Cold War: A very short introduction

## Historical novels

Pat Barker	Regeneration trilogy	<i>First World War</i>
Hans Fallada	Alone in Berlin	<i>Berlin 1940</i>
Anna Funder	Stasiland-stories from behind the Berlin Wall	
Philippa Gregory	The White Queen	
	The Red Queen	<i>Plantagenets</i>
	The Other Boleyn Girl	<i>Tudor</i>
Andrea Levy	The Long Song	<i>Slave girl</i>
Allan Mallinson	Matthew Hervey Series	<i>Military</i>
Hillary Mantel	Bring up the Bodies	<i>Thomas Cromwell</i>
	Wolf Hall	
C.J. Sansom	Matthew Shardlake series	<i>Historical crime</i>
W.G. Sebald	Austerlitz	<i>Kindertransport survivor</i>
Tom Rob Smith	Child 44 trilogy	<i>Cold War</i>

## **Mathematics**

Alex Bellos	Alex's Adventures in Numberland
Petr Beckmann	A History of Pi
Marcus du Sautoy	The Music of the Primes
Rob Eastaway	How Long is a Piece of String?
Rice, Eastaway, Wyndham	Why do Buses come in Threes?
Simon Singh	The Code Book
	Fermat's Last Theorem
Ian Stewart	How to Cut a Cake: and other Mathematical Conundrums

## **Modern languages**

### **French**

Rosi McNab	French Grammar Made Easy
Paul Humberstone	Mot à Mot

### **German**

Paul Stocker	Wort für Wort
Lisa Kahlen	German Grammar Made Easy
Heinrich Böll	Die verlorene Ehre der Katharina Blum
Friedrich Dürrenmatt	Der Besuch der Alten Dame
Max Frisch	Andorra
Heinrich Heine	Gedichte – Buch der Lieder
Jana Hensel	Zonenkinder
Franz Kafka	Die Verwandlung
Wladimir Kaminer	Russendisko
Siegfried Lenz	Fundbüro
Bernhard Schlink	Der Vorleser

### **Spanish**

Phil Turk Palabra	Por Palabra
Mike Zollo, Alan Wesson	Spanish Grammar Made Easy
Dorothy Richmond	Practice Makes Perfect Spanish
Federico García Lorca	La Casa de Bernarda Alba

Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Cronica De Una Muerte Anunciada
Laura Esquivel	Como Agua Para Chocolate
Ramon J. Sender	Requiem Por Un Campesino Espanol
Carlos Ruiz Zafon	La Sombra del Viento
Isabel Allende	La Casa De Los Espiritus
Gustavo Adolfo Becquer	Rhymes and Legends/Rimas y Leyendas
Fernando Fernan Gomez	Las Bicicletas Son para El Verano
Luis De Castresana	El Otro Arbol de Guernica
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	El Coronel No Tiene Quien Le Escriba

### **Music**

Nicholas Cook	Music : A Very Short Introduction
Alex Ross	The Rest is Noise
Oliver Sacks	Musicophilia: Tales of Music & the Brain
Eric Taylor	A.B Guides to Music Theory

### **Music Technology**

Toby Bricheno	Pop Music: The Text Book
Mortimer Rhind-Tutt	Music Technology from Scratch
'Sound on Sound' magazine	

### **Philosophy and Ethics**

#### **Philosophy**

Julian Baggini	The Pig That Wants to be Eaten: And Ninety Nine Other Thought Experiments
Richard Dawkins	The Blind Watchmaker
Richard Dawkins	The God Delusion
Alister McGrath	The Dawkins Delusion? Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine
Wilson, Andrew	If God, Then What?

#### **Ethics**

Tony Hope	Medical Ethics: A Very Short Introduction
Peter Singer	Animal Liberation
Peter Vardy	Ethics Matters



## **Sport**

Biographies and autobiographies of sportsmen and women.

Nick Hornby

Fever Pitch

*Arsenal football fan*

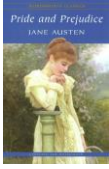
[www.bbc.co.uk/sport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport)

PE Review magazine

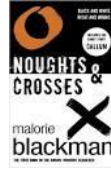
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## Twenty novels to read before you're 20

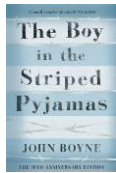
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Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen



Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman



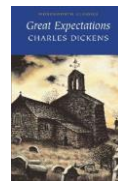
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne



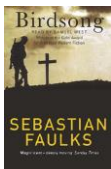
A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess



Throne of Glass series by Sarah J Maas



Great Expectations by Charles Dickens



Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon



Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini



To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee



Animal Farm by George Orwell



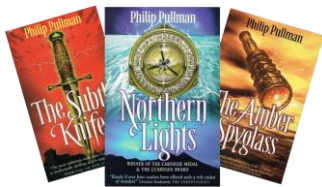
Wonder by R J Palacio



Inheritance series by Christopher Paolini



The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath



Dark Materials trilogy by Philip Pullman



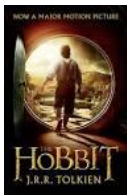
Harry Potter series by J K Rowling



Dracula by Bram Stoker



Frankenstein by Mary Shelley



The Hobbit by J R Tolkien



The Color Purple by Alice Walker

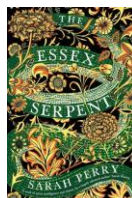
## Relax with some recent best sellers...

Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins



Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry

*Recommended by Mr Walker*



Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge

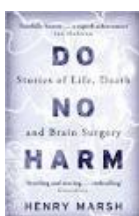


The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

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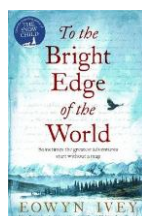
Do No Harm by Henry Marsh



To the Bright Edge of the World by

Eowyn Ivey

*Recommended by Mr Walker*



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