

Marist Senior School**English Department****Some recommended reading for KS4/KS5**

A reading list is only as good as the readers who have compiled it. If you think there are any glaring omissions, let us know!

These are starting points for you when faced with a whole library or bookshop full of possibilities. Set yourself a target: two books per half term? One per half term? It doesn't matter – just READ!

Author	Recommended titles (feel free to extend this to other titles by the same author)
Achebe Chinua	Things Fall Apart
Ackroyd Peter	Hawksmoor/ London: The Biography etc.
Adichie Ngozi	Purple Hibiscus/ Half of a Yellow Sun
Adiga Aravind	The White Tiger
Ali Monica	Brick Lane
Allende Isabel	House of the Spirits
Amis Martin	Money/ Time's Arrow etc.
Angelou Maya	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Ashworth Andrea	Once in a House on Fire
Atkinson Kate	Behind the Scenes at the Museum
Atwood Margaret	Alias Grace/ The Handmaid's Tale etc.
Austen Jane	Emma/ Mansfield Park/ Northanger Abbey
Ballard JG	Empire of the Sun
Banks Iain	The Wasp Factory/ Complicity
Barker Pat	Regeneration trilogy
Barrie JM	Peter Pan
Barnes Julian	Metroland/ Arthur and George
Bennett Alan	Writing Home/ The Lady in the Van/ The History Boys/ The Habit of Art
Bronte Anne	The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
Bronte Emily	Wuthering Heights
Bryson Bill	Notes from a Small Island, etc.
Buck Pearl	The Good Earth
Burgess Anthony	A Clockwork Orange
Byatt AS	Possession/ The Children's Book
Capote Truman	Breakfast at Tiffany's/ In Cold Blood
Carr JL	A Month in the Country/ What Hetty Did
Carroll Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Carter Angela	The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories/ Nights at the Circus
Cather Willa	O Pioneers/ My Antonia
Chang Jung	Wild Swans
Chatwin Bruce	On the Black Hill/ Songlines
Chevalier Tracy	Girl with a Pearl Earring
Christie Agatha	Detective novels

Coelho Paul	The Alchemist
Collins Wilkie	The Woman in White
Conrad Joseph	Heart of Darkness/ Lord Jim/ Victory/ The Secret Agent
Cormier Robert	The Chocolate War/ Fade/ 8 Plus 1
Danalis John	Riding the Black Cockatoo (non-fiction)
De Bernieres Louis	Captain Corelli's Mandolin
Defoe Daniel	Robinson Crusoe
De Lillo Don	Underworld
Dickens Charles	Great Expectations/ Hard Times, and others
Dostoyevsky F	Crime and Punishment
Dunmore Helen	A Spell of Winter/ The Siege
Durrell Lawrence	The Alexandria Quartet
Easton Ellis Bret	American Psycho/ The Informers
Elliot George	Mill on the Floss/ Adam Bede/ Silas Marner
Eco Umberto	The Name of the Rose
Faulkes Sebastian	Birdsong/ Engleby/ Charlotte Gray
Faulkner William	As I Lay Dying
Fielding Henry	Tom Jones
Fitzgerald F Scott	Tender is the Night/ The Great Gatsby, etc.
Flagg Fannie	Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Cafe
Flaubert Gustave	Madame Bovary
Forster EM	A Passage to India/ A Room with A View/ Howards End
Fowles John	The French Lieutenant's Woman/ The Collector
Franklin Miles	My Brilliant Career
Frazier Charles	Cold Mountain
Gaskell Elizabeth	North and South/ Cranford/ Mary Barton
Gibbons Stella	Cold Comfort Farm
Grahame Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Grant Linda	When I lived in Modern Times
Grass Gunter	The Tin Drum
Graves Robert	Goodbye to All That/ I Claudius
Greene Graham	Brighton Rock/ The End of the Affair
Greer Germaine	The Female Eunuch
Gregory Philippa	The Other Boleyn Girl
Guterson David	Snow Falling on Cedars
Hardy Thomas	Tess of the d'Urbervilles/ The Woodlanders
Hartley LP	The Go-Between
Hawthorne Nathaniel	The Scarlet Letter
Heller Joseph	Catch22
Heller Zoe	Notes on a Scandal
Hemingway Ernest	A Farewell to Arms/ For Whom the Bell Tolls
Hershey John	Hiroshima (non-fiction)
Hill Susan	The Woman in Black/ Strange Meeting
Hornby Nick	About a Boy/ High Fidelity
Hosseini Khalid	The Kite Runner/ A Thousand Splendid Suns
Huxley Aldous	Brave New World
Irving John	A Prayer for Owen Meany
Ishiguro Kazuo	The Remains of the Day/ When We Were Orphans
James Henry	The Turn of the Screw/ Portrait of a Lady
James PD	The Children of Men

Jones Sadie	The Outcast
Joyce James	A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man/ Dubliners
Kafka Franz	Metamorphosis
Keane Molly	Good Behaviour
Kerouac Jack	On The Road
Kesey Ken	One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest
Kingsolver Barbara	The Poisonwood Bible
Kundera Milan	Unbearable Lightness of Being
Kureishi Hanif	The Buddha of Suburbia
Lawrence DH	Sons and Lovers
Le Carre John	Spy Who Came In From the Cold and others
Lessing Doris	The Golden Notebook
Levy Andrea	Small Island
Lodge David	Changing Places/ Deaf Sentence
Mann Thomas	Death in Venice
Manning Olivia	The Balkan Trilogy
Mantel Hilary	Wolf Hall
Marquez Gabriel Garcia	One Hundred Years of Solitude
Martin Valerie	Property
McEwan Ian	Atonement/ Saturday/ Enduring Love/ The Black Dogs/ Child in Time/ The Cement Garden
McInerney Jay	Brightness Falls
Melville Herman	Moby Dick
Mitford Nancy	Love in a Cold Climate
Morrison Toni	Beloved/ Song of Solomon
Murdoch Iris	The Bell
VS Naipul	A Bend in the River/ Miguel Street
Niffenegger Audrey	The Time Traveller's Wife
Okri Ben	The Famished Road
Ondaatje Michael	The English Patient
Orwell George	Keep the Aspidistra Flying/ Homage to Catalonia/ Road to Wigan Pier
Pasternak Boris	Doctor Zhivago
Paton Alan	Cry, the Beloved Country
Peake Mervyn	The Gormenghast Trilogy
Penney Steph	The Tenderness of Wolves
Plath Sylvia	The Bell Jar
Proulx Annie	The Shipping News/ Postcards/ Brokeback Mountain
Pym Barbara	Jane and Prudence, and others
Rai Bali	Rani and Sukh
Roy Arundhati	The God of Small Things
Rhys Jean	Wide Sargasso Sea
Rushdie Salman	Midnight's Children/ Shalimar the Clown etc
Schlink Bernard	The Reader
Scott Paul	The Jewel in the Crown
Sebold Alice	Lovely Bones
Seirstad Asne	The Bookseller of Kabul
Seth Vickram	A Suitable Boy/ Two Lives
Sijie Dai	Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress
Sillitoe Alan	Saturday Night and Sunday Morning/ The Loneliness of the

	Long Distance Runner
Shelley Mary	Frankenstein
Smith Betty	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
Smith Zadie	White Teeth
Spark Muriel	The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie and others
Steinbeck John	The Grapes of Wrath
Stevenson RL	Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Stoker Bram	Dracula
Swift Graham	Waterland and others
Syal Meera	Anita and Me
Tan Amy	The Joy Luck Club
Tartt Donna	The Secret History
Tolstoy Leo	Anna Karenina
Trollope Anthony	Barchester chronicles
Thomas DM	The White Hotel
Trevor William	Felicia's Journey
Twain Mark	Tom Sawyer/ Huckleberry Finn
Walker Alice	The Color Purple
Waters Sarah	The Little Stranger
Waugh Evelyn	Brideshead Revisited
Wharton Edith	The Age of Innocence/ Ethan Frome
Wilde Oscar	The Picture of Dorian Grey
Winterson Jeanette	Oranges are not the Only Fruit
Woodhouse PG	Jeeves Series
Woolf Tom	Bonfire of the Vanities
Woolf Virginia	To the Lighthouse/ Mrs Dalloway
Yates Richard	Revolutionary Road
Zafin Carlos Ruiz	The Shadow of the Wind
Zola Emile	Germinal