



**KING EDWARD VI
CAMP HILL
SCHOOL FOR BOYS**



KS4 Super-Curricular English



Reading

In Key Stage 4 we aim to encourage students to extend their reading and to move away from teen fiction towards a more adult diet.

We do encourage students to be discerning readers; however, parents should be aware that some texts do contain adult themes and we would encourage you to be involved in your child's choice of text.

This list of text is not exhaustive and is only a selection of the range of possible texts available. If you have any further queries, please contact either your son's English teacher or our lovely Librarian Ms Garvey.

The Dystopian Novel

- 1984 – George Orwell
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- Lord of the Flies – William Golding (GCSE text)
- Annihilation – Jeff Van der Meer
- Oryx and Crake – Margaret Atwood
- A Clockwork Orange – Anthony Burgess
- The Circle by Dave Eggers
- The Man in the High Castle – Philip K Dick

Science Fiction

- The Day of the Triffids – John Wyndham
- Ender’s Game – Orson Scott Card
- Ready Player One – Ernest Cline
- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? – Philip K Dick
- The Dispossessed – Ursula le Guin

Crime

- Val McDermid (‘A Distant Echo’ is very good),
- Mark Billingham (‘Scaredy Cat’ is based on Camp Hill),
- Ian Rankin’s Rebus series,
- Jo Nesbo
- Agatha Christie – any choice
- Ian Rankin – any choice
- Cuckoo’s Calling – Robert Galbraith

Modern Literature

- Jonathan Green – any choice
- Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close – Jonathan Safran Foer
- Anything by Kate Atkinson - ‘Case Histories’ is very good
- ‘The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo’ - Larsson
- ‘The Robber Bride’ by Margaret Atwood
- ‘Color Purple’ by Alice Walker
- We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson
- ‘The Magic Toyshop’ by Angela Carter
- The Bloody Chamber by Angela Carter
- ‘Midnight’s Children’ by Salman Rushdie
- ‘Regeneration Series’ Pat Barker
- A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza
- Circe by Madeline Miller
- Norwegian Wood by Haruki Murakami
- The Secret History by Donna Tartt
- The Butcher Boy by Patrick McCabe
- A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
- The Black Dahlia by James Ellroy
- The Handmaid’s Tale by Margaret Atwood
- Fatherland by Robert Harris
- Pompei by Robert Harris
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- The Spy Who Came In From the Cold by John Le Carre

Fantasy

- Stardust/ Neverwhere – Neil Gaiman
- Terry Pratchett – any adult novel
- The Earthsea Quartet – Ursula le Guin
- The Ghosts of Heaven – Marcus Sedgwick
- The Lie Tree – Frances Hardinge
- JRR Tolkien
- Robert Jordan
- Terry Brooks
- Rivers of London – Ben Aaronvitch

Ghost/ horror

- Turn of the Screw – Henry James
- Flowers in the Attic – Virginia Andrews
- Dark Materials – Michelle Parver
- The Woman in Black – Susan Hill
- Cuckoo Song – Frances Hardinge
- Carrie – Stephen King
- The Bunker Diary – Kevin Brooks

Spy/ Espionage

- Ian Fleming – any
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy – John Le Carre

Historical Fiction

- Anything by Tanya Landman – Particularly Buffalo Soldier
- Regeneration – Pat Barker
- The Blood List – Sarah Naughton
- Lies We Tell Ourselves – Robin Talley
- Ghost Hawk – Susan Cooper

Classics

- 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen
- 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte
- 'The Picture of Dorian Grey' by Oscar Wilde
- 'Frankenstein' Mary Shelley
- The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins
- What Maisie Knew by Henry James
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- 'Great Gatsby' by Scott Fitzgerald
- Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
- The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

Listening and viewing



Pride and Prejudice (2005 film)

Audio Books



- eplatform by Wheelers Books (available through school)
- <https://www.audible.co.uk/>

Podcasts

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006v8jn> (A Good Read podcast)

Magazines

Comics

Manga

Resources

<https://senecalarning.com/en-GB/> (Seneca)

<https://www.massolit.io/> (Massolit)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zckw2hv> (English Literature)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/literature-courses> (Future Learn)

Following

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Things to do:

Local Theatres

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/> (RSC - Stratford)

<https://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/> (Birmingham Hippodrome)

<https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/> (Birmingham Rep)

Literary Places to visit

<https://wordsworth.org.uk/> (Wordsworth's House)

<https://bridgwater-tc.gov.uk/history/around-and-about-the-town/blake-museum/> (William Blake's House)

<https://janeaustens.house/> (Jane Austen's House)

Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square

<https://www.bronte.org.uk/> (Bronte Parsonage)

Acting Opportunities

<https://www.crescent-theatre.co.uk/crescent-membership/youth-theatre/> (Crescent Theatre)

<https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/take-part/> (Young Rep)