

King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys
The English Department in Conjunction with the Library
Wider reading list – Year 9

Reading in Year 9

In Year 9, 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 Gavey.

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

Crime

Agatha Christie – any choice
Ian Rankin – any choice
Cuckoo's Calling – Robert Galbraith

Literature

Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
Jonathan Green – any choice
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close – Jonathan Safran Foer

Fantasy

Stardust – 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

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

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

See dystopian fiction**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