

GCSE Reading List

There is very little room for manoeuvre in the GCSE courses, as we try to fit in two GCSEs in less and less time. However, any student who wants to go on to do A level, or who considers themselves to be a well rounded person, should be reading. This list is not exhaustive, but a beginning....

Any of the classics i.e. Austen, Hardy, Dickens, Trollope, Wilde etc.

Penguin run a series called 'modern classics' – all of this is useful, but we would particularly urge reading of:

Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger

The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald

Twenty One Stories by Graham Greene

Brave New World by A. Huxley

1984 by George Orwell

About a Boy by Nick Hornby

Monstrous Regiment by Terry Pratchett

Small Island by Andrea Levy

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson

Atonement by Ian McEwan

Lord of the Rings by J Tolkein

Tamar by Mal Peet

Anything by Bill Bryson