



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



KS5 Super-Curricular English Literature



Reading

Reading lists are never exhaustive - English Literature is an ever changing subject and these suggestions are here only to open your eyes to the possibilities that reading has to offer you.

- **Pre 1900 Poetry**
- Wordsworth
- Shelley
- Coleridge
- Thomas Hardy
- Emily Dickenson
- Oscar Wilde
- William Blake
- Emily Bronte
- Aphra Behn

Classic Poets

- R.S. Thomas
- Robert Frost
- T.S. Eliot
- Philip Larkin
- Allen Ginsburg
- Frank O'Hara
- Dylan Thomas
- Ted Hughes
- Seamus Heaney

Recent Poets

- Rupi Kaur
- <https://joshuaienniferespinoza.com/>
- Margaret Atwood
- Alice Walker
- Maya Angelou
- Owen Sheers
- Carol Ann Duffy
- Simon Armitage
- John Agard
- Benjamin Zephaniah
- Chinue Achebe

Pre 1900 Novels

- Any Dickens
- 'Jane Eyre' by Charlotte Bronte
- 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen
- Any Thomas Hardy
- 'Picture of Dorian Grey' Oscar Wilde

Classic Novels

- '1984' George Orwell
- 'Brave New World' Aldous Huxley
- 'Brighton Rock' Graham Greene
- 'The Great Gatsby' F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 'Catch 22' Joseph Heller
- 'A Farewell to Arms' Ernest Hemingway
- 'On the Road' Jack Kerouac
- 'The Catcher in the Rye' J.D. Salinger

Recent Prose

- 'The Magic Toyshop' by Angela Carter
- 'Beloved' by Toni Morrison
- 'The Color Purple' by Alice Walker
- 'The Road' by Cormac McCarthy
- 'Possession' by A.S. Byatt
- Any Margaret Atwood – 'Robber Bride' and 'Alias Grace' are very good
- 'White Teeth' Zadie Smith
- 'The Goldfinch' Donna Tartt
- 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' Larsson
- 'Wolf Hall' by Hilary Mantel
- Anything by Kate Atkinson
- 'I know why the caged bird sings' Maya Angelou
- 'The Historian' Elizabeth Kostov
- 'The Vanishing Half' Brit Bennett
- 'The Mermaid of Black Conch' Monique Roffey
- 'The Burning Chamber' Kate Mosse
- 'Underworld' Don DeLillo
- 'The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay' Michael Chabon
- 'Brick Lane' Monica Ali

Drama

- 'Death of a Salesman' Arthur Miller
- 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' Brecht
- 'Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf' Albee
- 'Top Girls' Carol Churchill
- 'Waiting for Godot' Samuel Beckett
- Oscar Wilde
- Ibsen
- Chekhov

Background/ Critics/ Biography

- '1599: A Year in the life of William Shakespeare' James Shapiro
- 'The Brontes' Juliet Barker
- 'Jane Austen' Brian Wilkes
- 'Jane Austen at Home' Lucy Worsley
- 'The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things' Paula Byrne
- 'Orwell: The Life' D.J. Taylor

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)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/b0380rw8> (The Sins of Literature - BBC Sounds)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p099dyw3> (You're Dead to Me - Old Norse Literature)
- In Our Time - Melvyn Bragg (BBC Sounds)
- <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/> (A link to a huge range of poets)
- <https://www.backlisted.fm/> (A new way of looking at old books)

Magazines

- EMag (<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/> Username and password are both **camphillboys**)
- <http://www.neonbooks.org.uk/big-list-literary-magazines/> (A list of literary magazines that you could delve into)

Resources

<https://senecalearning.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)

University Websites/ Resources (Some Examples)

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/english>

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/2022/english-literature-ba>

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/edacs/departments/english/index.aspx>

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/english-ba>

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)