

The Lakes School KS4 Recommended Reading List

Adventure

- **Robert Cormier:** Heroes
- **Christopher Edge:** Escape Room
- **Ravena Guron:** Catch Your Death
- **Aron Ralston:** 127 Hours Between a Rock and a Hard Place
- **Luke Palmer:** Grow
- **Jason Reynolds:** Oxygen Mask
- **William Golding:** Lord of the Flies

Classics

- **Charlotte Bronte:** Jane Eyre
- **Daniel Defoe:** Robinson Crusoe
- **Charles Dickens:** A Christmas Carol
- **Charles Dickens:** Great Expectations
- **Charles Dickens:** Oliver Twist
- **Harper Lee:** To Kill a Mockingbird
- **George Orwell:** Animal Farm
- **Jonathan Swift:** Gulliver's Travels
- **JRR Tolkien:** The Hobbit
- **JRR Tolkien:** The Lord of the Rings
- **Oscar Wilde:** The Picture of Dorian Gray

Science Fiction and Fantasy

- **Victoria Aveyard:** Red Queen
- **Philip K Dick:** Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep
- **Mary Shelley:** Frankenstein

Dystopia

- **Noughts & Crosses:** Malorie Blackman
- **Cormac McCarthy:** The Road
- **Kazuo Ishiguro:** Never Let me Go
- **George Orwell:** 1984

General Interest

- **Ayobami Adebayo:** A Spell of Good Things
- **Lisa Heathfield:** Paper Butterflies
- **Sara Jafari:** People Change
- **David Levithan:** Every Day
- **Yasmin Abdul Magied:** Listen, Layla
- **Jandy Nelson:** I'll Give you the Sun
- **Kathryn Parsons:** How High The Moon
- **Phil Stamper:** As Far as you'll Take me
- **Ibi Zoboi:** American Street

Historical

- **Malorie Blackman:** Boys Don't Cry
- **John Knowles:** A Separate Peace
- **Sally Nichols:** Things a Bright Girl Can Do
- **RC Sheriff:** Journey's End
- **Alex Wheatle:** Stateless
- **Lucy Worsley:** The Austen Girls

Sport

- **James Hook:** Kick Off
- **Troy Horne/Moses Horne:** Mental Toughness for Young Athletes
- **Nikesh Shukla:** The Boxer

Non fiction

- **New Scientist:** Why don't Penguins Freeze?
- **Aurelia Durand, Tiffany Jewel:** This Book is Anti Racist

- **Alice and Emily Haworth Booth:** Protest! How People Have Come Together To Change the World
- **Thomas Keneally:** Schindler's Ark

- **Kamala Harris:** The Truths we Hold: An American Journey
- **Stuart Lawrence:** Silence is Not An Option
- **Laurie Lee:** Cider with Rosie
- **Nelson Mandela:** Long Walk to Freedom
- **Jeanette Winterson:** Oranges are Not the Only Fruit

Poetry

- **Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow, Roger Stevens:** Be The Change- Poems to Help you Save the World
- **Alycia Pirmohamed:** Another Way to Split Water

Note to parents: Some of the books on this list are written for young adult readers. Generally, KS4 students are ready for the themes that might be present in them. However, if you are concerned about the suitability of texts, please check online reviews or contact your child's English teacher.