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**Summer 2022**  
**Reading list for Y10 students**

**READING IS ESSENTIAL**

*“The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”*

This is a famous quote by Dr Seuss. And it’s 100% accurate. Reading is fundamental in helping us find and convey information. It is an essential skill that we develop at a very young age and it lasts for a lifetime.

At Oxford High School we understand why reading is beneficial to all of us and we encourage our students to be passionate readers. The importance of reading comprehension is essential to understanding the world around us so whether you enjoy reading to relax and unwind, or to voraciously devour facts, figures and opinions, research shows that those who read for pleasure have advanced levels of text comprehension and have higher levels of achievement across the curriculum than those who do not. Being able to respond to literature of many kinds in creative and inspiring ways is helped enormously by reading a wide range of styles and genres for pleasure - people who read are better at writing.

The list below contains some great books which will provide a common foundation of literary experience on which you can continue to build. It contains a range of titles which are suitable for readers aged 14+

It is grouped by category to help you choose - try to read with an open and questioning mind and stop to think more about what things mean. Here are some ideas of how engaged, active readers read:

- They can predict what will happen next in a story using clues they gain from reading
- They create questions about the main idea, message or plot
- They monitor understanding of the sequence, context or characters
- They stop to clarify parts of the text that have confused them
- They connect events in the text to prior knowledge or experience.

I hope you’ll find something here which inspires you - go beyond and try something different!

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## Summer Reading 2022

- Apache** Tanya Landman
- Girl with a Pearl Earring** Tracy Chevalier
- Never Let me Go** Kazuo Ishiguro
- The Fault in Our Stars** John Green
- Grow** Luke Palmer
- Atonement** Ian McEwan
- Brick Lane** Monica Ali
- We Are All Made of Molecules** Susin Nielsen
- 13 Minutes** Sarah Pinborough
- The Invisible Man** H G Wells
- Paper Butterflies** Lisa Heathfield
- The Old Man and the Sea** Ernest Hemingway
- Hole in my Life** Jack Gantos
- Lord of the Flies** William Gold
- The Medici Seal** Theresa Breslin
- Note of Madness** Tabitha Suzuma
- Hole in my Life** Jack Gantos
- Fever Pitch** Nick Hornby
- The Wasp Factory** Iain Banks
- I Capture the Castle** Dodie Smith
- Cider With Rosie** Laurie Lee
- 1984** George Orwell
- The Fellowship of the Ring** JRR Tolkien
- Gulliver's Travels** Jonathan Swift
- Schindler's Ark** Thomas Keneally
- Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit** Jeanette Winterson
- Midnight's Children** Salman Rushdie
- Finding Violet Park** Jenny Valentine
- Magyk** Angie Sage
- The Strange Case Of Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde** Robert Louis Stevenson
- Set In Stone** Linda Newbery