

WHSG Wider Reading List – Recommended Reading by subject

Art

What Are You Looking At? 150 Years of Modern Art in the Blink of an Eye by Will Gompertz.
The Andy Warhol Diaries, Edited by Pat Hackett
The American Leonardo: A Tale of 20th Century Obsession, Art and Money by John Brewer
The Shock of the New, by Robert Hughes
Story of Art, by E.H Gombrich
www.thisiscolossal.com

Biology

The Gene: An Intimate History by Siddhartha Mukherjee
The Selfish Gene, Richard Dawkins
Bad Science, Ben Goldacre
Y: The Descent of Man, Steve Jones
The Epigenetic Revolution, Nessa Carey
New Scientist magazine
Anything relating to Attenborough
British Medical Journal

Chemistry

The Disappearing Spoon by Sam Kean
Periodic tales, Hugh Aldersey-Williams
Bad Pharma, Ben Goldacre
The pleasure of finding things out, Richard Feynman
Uncle Tungsten, Oliver Sachs

Classical Civilisations

The Iliad by Homer
Love, sex and tragedy: how the ancient world shapes our lives, S. Goldhill
Courtesans and Fishcakes: the consuming passions of classical Athens, J. Davidson
Beowulf, Anon
Translations, Brian Friel
The Old Man & the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
Wolf Hall, Hilary Mantel
Metamorphoses, Ovid
Gulliver's Travels, Jonathon Swift

Computer Science

The Pattern on the Stone by Daniel W Hills
Trigger Happy: The inner life of videogames, Stephen Poolw
Accidental Empires, Robert X Cringley
Wired magazine
The Pattern On The Stone: The Simple Ideas That Make Computers Work, W. Daniel Hillis
Computer Science: A Very Short Introduction, Subrata Dasgupta
Computational Fairy Tales – Jeremy Kubica

Product Design

Thames and Hudson – the eco-design handbook, Alastair Fuad-Luke
The Measure of Man and Woman: human factors in design, Alvin Tilley
The Language of Things by Deyan Sudjic

Drama

A History of the Theatre by Glynne Wickham
"An Actor Prepares" and "Building A Character" both by Constantin Stanislavski
"The Empty Space" By Peter Brook
"Brecht On Theatre" By Bertolt Brecht
"The Complete Brecht Toolkit" By Stephen Unwin
"The Methuen Drama Guide to Contemporary British Playwrights (Plays and Playwrights)" by Aleks Sierz

Economics

The Economist
What you see is what you get, Sir Alan Sugar

The Google Story, David A. Wise
The Intelligent Investor, Benjamin Graham
Freakonomics, Levitt & Dubner
Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces that Shape Our Decisions, Dan Ariely
Undercover Economist, Tim Harford

English Literature

Read widely and think critically about what you read. Pursue your own interests in literature, but bear in mind that it is a good idea to read some pre-twentieth century works and poetry as well as contemporary novels.

The Literature Reader – Key Thinkers on Key Topics by the English & Media Centre
Shakespeare, Bill Bryson
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
The Turn of the Screw, Henry James
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde
The Secret Agent, Joseph Conrad
Mrs Dalloway, Virginia Wolf

Film Studies

Reading television, Fiske & Hartley
Ways of seeing, Berger
Desperately seeking the audience, Ien Ang

French

Read any French newspapers / magazines / news articles on the Internet
Read some French literature, either in the original language, in translation or a bit of each!

Paroles by Jacques Prévert
L'Étranger by Camus

Or update yourself about current issues facing French speaking countries using the web. Here are some suggested topics; French music, French designer houses for fashion, the use of technology in francophone countries, immigration in France, politics in France, the French justice system

Geography

Books:

Prisoners of Geography, by Tim Marshall
Geography: Ideas in profile, by Carl Lee and Danny Dorling
Here on Earth, by Tim Flannery
Inequality and the 1%, by Danny Dorling
Population 10 Billion, by Danny Dorling
Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet, by Mark Lynas
The White Tiger, by Aravind Adiga

Magazines:

National Geographic magazine
Geographical magazine

German

The Shortest History of Germany by James Hawes

Read any newspapers or magazines in German, for example “der Spiegel” “Focus” or “Stern”

Read some German literature, either in the original or translated into English or both together, e.g.

- *Die Verwandlung/ Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka
- *Der Vorleser/ The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink
- *Die Ausgewanderten/ The Emigrants* by W G Sebald
- *Tintenherz/ Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke

Read some books about Germany:

- *Stasiland: Stories from behind the Berlin Wall* by Anna Funder
- *Germany: Memories of a Nation* by Neil MacGregor

History

A Little History of the World by EH Gombrich
What is History? By E H Carr
The Swerve, Stephen Greenblatt

Wild Swans, Jung Chang
Revolutionary Russia 1891 – 1991, Orlando Figes
Testament of Youth, Vera Brittain
BBC History magazine
History Today magazine

Mathematics & Further Mathematics

The Maths Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained by DK and Matt Parker
The Music of the Primes, Marcus du Sautoy
Fermat's Last Theorem, Simon Singh
Alex's Adventures in Numberland, Alex Bellos
1089 and all that: A journey into mathematics, David Acheson
Why do buses come in threes?, Rob Easterway

Philosophy

The Story of Philosophy by Bryan Magee
The Great Philosophers by Bryan Magee
Think, Simon Blackburn
'Epistemology: A Beginner's Guide', Robert M. Martin
'Philosophy: Basic Readings', Nigel Warburton
'Ethics in the Real World', Peter Singer
'Ethics: A Very Short Introduction', Simon Blackburn
'The Quest for a Moral Compass', Kenan Malik
'Philosophy of Mind: A Beginner's Guide', Ian Ravenscroft
'The Puzzle of God', Peter Vardy
'Philosophy of Religion', Brian Davies
'At the Existentialist Café', Sarah Bakewell

Photography

Ways of seeing by John Berger
On Photography by Susan Sontag
About Looking by John Berger
Camera Lucida: Reflections on Photography by Roland Barthes

Physical Education

Bounce or The Greatest by Matthew Syed
Journal of Sports Sciences
British Journal of Sports Medicine
The story of sport in England, N. Wigglesworth

Physics

Six Easy Pieces by Richard Feynman
Paradox - Jim Al-Khalili
We Need to Talk About Kelvin - Marcus Chown
Just Six Numbers - Martin Rees
In Search Of Schrodinger's Cat - John Gribbin
Big Bang - Simon Singh
Seven Brief lessons on Physics - Carlo Ravelli
Why does $E = mc^2$ (and why should we care)? - Brian Cox & Jeff Forshaw

Politics

Prisoners of Geography by Tim Marshall
Servants of the people, Andrew Rawnsley
The End of the party, Andrew Rawnsley
Back from the brink: The inside story of the Tory resurrection, Peter Snowdon

Psychology

Cracked: Why Psychiatry is Doing More Harm Than Good by James Davies
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Mark Haddon
The Lucifer Effect, Phillip Zimbardo
The Psychopath test, Jon Ronson
The private life of the brain, Susan Greenfield
Behind the Shock Machine or The Lost Boys; Inside Muzafer Sherif's Robbers Cave Experiment – Gina Perry

We need to talk about Kevin – Lionel Shriver
The man who mistook his wife for a hat – Oliver Sack
Making up the mind: how the brain creates our mental world – Chris Frith
Opening Skinner's Box – Lauren Slater
The jigsaw man – Paul Britton
Mindhunter – John E Douglas
Notes on a nervous planet – Matt Haig
The undoing project – Michael Lewis
We are all completely besides ourselves – Karen Joy Fowler

Sociology

Watching the English, Kate Fox
Living Dolls: The return of sexism, Natasha Walter
1984, George Orwell
We need to talk about Kevin, Lionel Shriver
Misogyny: The World's Oldest Prejudice – Jack Holland
The Secret Barrister: Stories of the law and how it's broken – *The Secret Barrister*
Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race – Reni Eddo-Lodge
Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood

Spanish

The Story of Spain: The Dramatic History of Europe's Most Fascinating Country by Mark R Williams
Read a poem by Pablo Neruda
La casa de los Espiritus by Isabel Allende
La sombra del viento by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
El beso de la mujer araña by Manuel Puig
The Return by Victoria Hislop (Spanish civil war)
Any Spanish/Hispanic newspapers and magazines e.g. *El País*, *El Mundo*, *Puntoycoma*

Additional recommendations:

A Little History of Literature by John Sutherland
The Blank Slate by Steven Pinker
The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt
The Shortest History of Europe by John Hirst
How the World Thinks: A Global History of Philosophy by Julian Baggini
Factfulness: Why Things are Better Than You Think by Hans Rosling
Sapiens by Yuval Harari
A History of God by Karen Armstrong
The Magic of Reality by Richard Dawkins
Rubicon by Tom Holland
The Lies That Bind: Rethinking Identity by Kwame Appiah
Seven Brief Lessons on Physics by Carlo Rovelli
The Illustrated Story of Art by DK
Music: The Definitive Visual History by DK