



GCSE Reading List



The Value of Reading

Reading is at the heart of the journey to preparing for GCSE's. It opens doors to different worlds, helps build confidence, and strengthens the imagination – all while sharpening essential skills for study and beyond.



Inspiring Reads for 2025

Our 2025 GCSE Reading List offers a rich mix of classic and contemporary texts that celebrate curiosity, courage, and creativity. From timeless novels to powerful modern stories, each book is chosen to inspire reflection, spark discussion, and nurture a lifelong love of reading.



Something for Everyone

Whether you're a student preparing for exams, a teacher supporting classroom learning, or a parent encouraging reading at home, this collection offers something for everyone. So, pick up a book, turn the page, and let the adventure begin – your next great story is waiting to be discovered.

Modern Drama Texts

TITLE	Refugee Boys	TITLE	The Empress	TITLE	Blood Brothers	TITLE	The History Boys
AUTHOR	Benjamin Zephaniah	AUTHOR	Tanika Gupta	AUTHOR	Willy Russell	AUTHOR	Alan Bennett
PUBLISHER	Bloomsbury	PUBLISHER	Methuen Drama	PUBLISHER	Methuen Drama	PUBLISHER	Faber & Faber
ISBN	9781408894996	ISBN	9781350278974	ISBN	9780413767707	ISBN	9780571224647
EXAM BOARDS	edexcel	EXAM BOARDS	edexcel	EXAM BOARDS	AQA edexcel WJEC eduqas  <i>cea</i>	EXAM BOARDS	WJEC eduqas 
TITLE	An Inspector Calls	TITLE	DNA	TITLE	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime		
AUTHOR	J.B. Priestly	AUTHOR	Dennis Kelly	AUTHOR	Mark Haddon		
PUBLISHER	Heinemann	PUBLISHER	Oberon Books	PUBLISHER	Red Fox		
ISBN	9780435232825	ISBN	9781840029529	ISBN	9781782953463		
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Shakespeare

TITLE **Macbeth**
PUBLISHER CreateSpace
ISBN 1503289214
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TITLE **Romeo and Juliet**
PUBLISHER CreateSpace
ISBN 1505259568
EXAM BOARDS **AQA** edexcel
eduqas  **OCR**

TITLE **The Merchant of Venice**
PUBLISHER Oxford University Press
ISBN 9780198328674
EXAM BOARDS **AQA** edexcel
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TITLE **The Tempest**
PUBLISHER CreateSpace
ISBN 1451532512
EXAM BOARDS **AQA** edexcel

TITLE **Much Ado About Nothing**
PUBLISHER Penguin Classics
ISBN 0141396598
EXAM BOARDS **AQA** edexcel
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Prose Texts

TITLE **To Kill a Mockingbird**

AUTHOR Harper Lee

PUBLISHER Penguin

ISBN 9780099549482

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TITLE **Animal Farm**

AUTHOR George Orwell

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9780702306136

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TITLE **Pride and Prejudice**

AUTHOR Jane Austen

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9781407158518

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TITLE **Great Expectations**

AUTHOR Charles Dickens

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9781407172545

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TITLE **The Sign of Four**

AUTHOR Arthur Conan Doyle

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9781407193250

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TITLE **Jane Eyre**

AUTHOR Charlotte Bronte

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9781407144061

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TITLE **Frankenstein**

AUTHOR Mary Shelley

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9781407144047

EXAM BOARDS  edexcel

TITLE **A Christmas Carol**

AUTHOR Charles Dickens

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9781407172569

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TITLE **Lord of the Flies**

AUTHOR William Golding

PUBLISHER Scholastic

ISBN 9780571191475

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