

TEMA Reading List for years 10 and 11

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas – when Starr Carter witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend, her world is turned upside down as she learns the importance of using your voice – read this if you enjoyed *When Our Worlds Collided*

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman - Two young people are forced to make a stand in this thought-provoking look at racism and prejudice in an alternate society.

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler – Rosemary lives with her parents and her sister, Fern, in this tale of loving but fallible people whose well-intentioned actions lead to heartbreaking consequences.

The Humans by Matt Haig - When an extraterrestrial visitor arrives on Earth, his first impressions of the human species are less than positive and he wants to return home to his planet - a utopian society of immortality and infinite knowledge.

Wild East by Ashley Hickson-Lovence – Facing new challenges after a tragedy prompts a move from East London to East Anglia, Ronny grapples with identity and ambition, finding solace in poetry and rap – read if you enjoyed *the Poet X* and *When Our Worlds Collided*

Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher – a gritty narrative that follows Erik, who juggles a difficult home life, homework and owing money to a dangerous county lines gang – read if you enjoyed *the Poet X* and *When Our Worlds Collided*

Where Sleeping Girls Live by Faridah Abike-Iyimide – a boarding school student uncovers a dark secret after her roommate vanishes

Five Survive by Holly Jackson – five strangers are stranded in remote wilderness; this thriller explores the depths of human resilience

We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen – Stewart has a slightly different perspective on life from those around him. He finds life difficult enough before he is thrown together with his new stepsister – read this if you enjoyed *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*

Classics:

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe - A simple story of a "strong man" whose life is dominated by fear and anger. It reveals Achebe's keen awareness of the human qualities common to men of all times and places.

Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger – a story about teenage alienation, capturing the deeply human need for connection and the bewildering sense of loss as we leave childhood behind.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte - A gothic masterpiece of tempestuous passions and dark secrets

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte - story of the intense and almost demonic love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, a foundling adopted by Catherine's father.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien - Written for J.R.R. Tolkien's own children, The Hobbit met with instant critical acclaim when it was first published in 1937. Now recognized as a timeless classic.

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens - Though he is treated with cruelty and surrounded by coarseness for most of his life, his innocence leads him at last to salvation and the shocking discovery of his true identity.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley - Obsessed with creating life itself, Victor Frankenstein plunders graveyards for the material to fashion a new being, which he shocks into life with electricity.

Non-Fiction:

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers by Sean Covey - In an entertaining style, Covey provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, and much more.

Natives by Akala - Covering everything from the police to politics and sexual objectification, Natives speaks directly to British discomfort in confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari - a groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution that explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be "human."

Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela - a thought-provoking and emotive biography that documents Mandela's life up to imprisonment.

Becoming by Michelle Obama - warm, wise, and revelatory, *Becoming* is the deeply personal account of how Michelle has defied expectations — and inspires us to do the same.

The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost Always Do Better by Richard G Wilkinson and Kate Pickett – a book that provides hard evidence to show how almost everything—from life expectancy to depression levels, violence to illiteracy—is affected not by how wealthy a society is, but how equal it is.

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M Johnson - covers topics such as gender identity, toxic masculinity, brotherhood, family, structural marginalization, consent, and Black joy.

Queer, There and Everywhere by Sarah Prager- World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals—and you've never heard of many of them – until now.

Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg – Facebook COO, Sandberg, explores what women, and men, can do to make the working world a more equal place.

Don't Call Me Crazy by Kelly Jensen - Thirty-three writers, athletes, and artists offer essays, lists, comics, and illustrations that explore their personal experiences with mental illness, how we do and do not talk about mental health.