L4th form extended reading lists

The books have been given a number code indicating the expected level of difficulty (in terms of prose/narrative style).

- 1 = Recommended standard for this year-group...
- 2 = More advanced...
- 3 = Testing you...

Action / adventure / detective

- 2 Eric Ambler, The Mask of Dimitrios
- 2 John Buchan, Greenmantle
- 1 Andrea Camilleri, Rounding the Mark
- 1 Suzanne Collins, Hunger Games (trilogy)
- 2 Robert Harris, Fatherland
- 1 Anne Holt, Fear Not
- 3 John Le Carré, The Spy who Came in from the Cold
- 3 Patrick O'Brien, Master and Commander (first in series)
- 2 Rafael Sabatini, Captain Blood
- 2 R. L. Stevenson, Kidnapped

Classic / historical

- 1 John Buchan, Prester John
- 1 John Buchan, The Thirty-Nine Steps
- 3 Charles Dickens, David Copperfield
- 3 Graham Greene, England Made Me
- 2 Thomas Hardy, Far From The Madding Crowd
- 1 L. P. Hartley, The Go-Between
- 2 Richard Hughes, In Hazard
- 2 Aldous Huxley, Brave New World
- 2 George Orwell, Nineteen Eighty-Four
- 2 R. L. Stevenson, The Master of Ballantrae
- 3 Oscar Wilde, The Picture of Dorian Gray

Comedy

- 3 Julian Barnes, A History of the World in 101/2 Chapters
- 3 Julian Barnes, England, England
- 1 Gideon Defoe, The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists (first in a series of four)
- 2 Roddy Doyle, Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha
- 3 Clive James, Unreliable Memoirs
- 1 Walter Moers, The 13 1/2 Lives of Captain Bluebear
- 2 Terry Pratchett, Snuff (Discworld novel No. 39)
- 2 R. L. Stevenson, The Wrong Box
- 3 Evelyn Waugh, Black Mischief
- 1 Geoffrey Willans & Ronald Searle, *Molesworth* (Collected)
- 2 P. G. Wodehouse, The Little Nugget

Horror

- 3 Truman Capote, In Cold Blood
- 2 Michel Faber, Under the Skin
- 2 M. R. James, The Haunted Dolls' House (and other stories)
- 1 Stephen King (writing as Richard Bachmann), The Long Walk
- 1 Robert Kirkman & Jay Bonansinga, The Walking Dead: Rise Of The Governor
- 3 H. P. Lovecraft, The Call of Cthulhu (and other Weird stories)
- 2 Edgar Allan Poe, The Masque of the Red Death (and other stories)
- 3 Mary Shelley, Frankenstein
- 2 R. L. Stevenson, Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- 2 Bram Stoker, Dracula
- 2 H. G. Wells, The Island of Dr Moreau

Modern fiction

- 2 Pat Barker, Blow Your House Down
- 2 Anne Cassidy, Looking for II
- 2 Giles Foden, The Last King of Scotland
- 3 Michael Frayn, Spies
- 3 William Golding, Pincher Martin
- 2 Kate Grenville, The Secret River
- 3 Matthew Kneale, English Passengers
- 2 Mark Haddon, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
- 1 Peet Mal, Tamar
- 2 Yann Martel, Life of Pi
- 1 Benjamin Zephaniah, Face

Sci-fi / Fantasy

- 1 Isaac Asimov, Foundation (first in trilogy)
- 2 Alfred Bester, The Stars My Destination
- 1 Joseph Delaney, The Spook's Apprentice (first in series of the 'Wardstone Chronicles')
- 2 Philip K. Dick, Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
- 2 Alan Garner, Red Shift
- 1 Joe Haldeman, The Forever War
- 2 Harry Harrison, Make Room! Make Room!
- 3 Frank Herbert, Dune (first in fantasy sequence)
- 1 Daniel Keyes, Flowers for Algernon
- 1 Michelle Paver, Wolf Brother (first in series of the 'Chronicles of Ancient Darkness')
- 3 Mervyn Peake, Gormenghast (trilogy)
- 2 H. G. Wells, The Time Machine
- 2 John Wyndham, Chocky

Shakespeare

Read a comedy, a history, and a tragedy beyond any set texts used in school: ask a teacher for advice.

World Lit in English

- 3 James Baldwin, Another Country
- 3 Don Delillo, Libra
- F. Scott Fitzgerald, Tales of the Jazz Age
- 2 Ernest Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea
- 1 Jack London, The Call of the Wild
- 2 Nick McDonnell, The Third Brother
- 2 Erin Morgenstern, The Night Circus
- 2 J. D. Salinger, The Catcher in the Rye
- 1 John Steinbeck, Cannery Row
- 1 Kathryn Stockett, The Help