



# Year 10 Academic Book List 2023/2024



Core	
Subject	Book
English	<b>One of Us is Lying - Karen M McManus</b>
	Pay close attention and you might solve this. On Monday, five students at Bayview High, walk into detention. Before the end of detention, one of them is dead! According to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. We have chosen this book as a good example of the 'Whodunnit' mystery, a genre which is excellently subverted by Priestley in an Inspector Calls- the very play you will have looked at in year 9 English.
Science	<b>The Disappearing Spoon - Sam Kean</b>
	The Periodic Table is a crowning scientific achievement, but it is also a treasure trove of adventure, greed, betrayal and obsession. The fascinating tales in this book follow elements on the table as they play out their parts in human history, finance, mythology, conflict, the arts, medicine and the lives of the scientists who discovered them. We chose this book as it is an essential read for any student with a passion for science, in particular chemistry and Physics.
Maths	<b>How Not be Wrong: The Hidden Maths of Everyday Life - Jordan Ellenburg</b>
	Jordan Ellenburg shows how maths is not confined to abstract incidents that never occur in real life, but rather touches on everything we do, the entire world is shot through with it. Maths allows us to see hidden structures underneath the messy and chaotic surface of our world. We chose this book to show maths is more than just problems confined to our typical classroom/exam questions. In addition this book encourage you to thinks mathematically.
<b>Options</b>	
Art and Design	<b>Why Your Five Year Old Could Not Have Done That, Modern Art Explained - Susie Hodge</b>
	Come on, you know you've thought it? whilst viewing a "masterpiece" of abstract art, you mutter, "A five year could do that". The author explains why the best examples of modern art are actually the result of sophisticated thought and serious talent. With its cleverly organized chapters such as "Objects/ Toys" "Provocations/Tantrums" and "People/Monsters" and illustrations of works from Hans Arp to Adolf Wölfli the author examines 100 works of modern art , it will give you an understanding of the ways in which modern art differs from the realistic works of earlier centuries in this enjoyable and thought-provoking book.
Business	<b>Shoe Dog- Phil Knight</b>
	That famous tick, this memoir chronicles the history of Nike, for its early struggles to it evolution into one of the world's most recognised and profitable companies. From business school to beyond. This book recounts the personal and professional life of entrepreneur Phil Knight, including his product design, creation of a company, business management and world wide travel. An inspiring and interesting read for any student interest in a career or business or hoping to own their own company.
Computer Science	<b>Every line of you- Naomi Gibson</b>
	In the face of overwhelming grief and bullying, tech savvy Lydia pours all of herself in to creating a perfect AI, the perfect boyfriend Henry, but will Henry turn out to be perfect? Or a creation of her cruellest self? This twisty, dystopian AI thriller explores love grief and relationships power games as one lonely girl's project becomes so much more.
Spanish	<b>The summer of broken things- Margaret Peterson Haddix</b>
	Fourteen-year-old Avery Armisted is athletic, rich, and pretty. Sixteen-year-old Kayla Butts is known as "butt-girl" at school. The two girls were friends as little kids, but that's ancient history now. So it's a huge surprise when Avery's father offers to bring Kayla along on a summer trip to Spain. Avery is horrified that her father thinks he can choose her friends. But in Spain, the two uncover a secret their families had hidden from both of them their entire lives. This book explores what it really means to be a family--and what to do when it's all falling apart.
Drama	<b>Will Grayson, Will Grayson - John Green, David Levithian (YA)</b>
	When fate delivers them both to the same surprising crossroads, the Will Graysons find their lives overlapping and hurtling in a new and unexpected directions. With a push from friends new and old, including the massively fabulous, Tiny Cooper, offensive lineman and musical theatre amateur extraordinaire. Will and Will begin building towards respective romantic turn of hearts and the epic production of History's most awesome High School musical.
Food and Nutrition	<b>Scoff A history of food and class in Britain - Pen Vogler</b>
	Utterly delicious -Avocado or beans on toast? Nut roast or game pie? Milk in first or milk in last? And do you have tea, dinner or supper in the evening? In this fascinating history of food in Britain it examines the origins of our eating habits and reveals how they are loaded with centuries of class prejudice. Covering such topics as fish and chips, roast beef, avocados, tripe, fish knives and the surprising origins of breakfast. A fun read... with some fabulous facts, tied together in an engaging and thought-provoking way.
Geography	<b>The Boy who Harnessed the Wind -Bryab mealer and Willam Kamkwamba</b>
	The incredible true story of William Kamkwamba, after exploring science books in the library, William decided to build a windmill. Ridiculed by those around him, and exhausted from his work in the fields every day, and using nothing more than bits of scrap metal, old bicycle parts and wood from the blue gum tree, he slowly built his very own windmill.. This is his story of how he found a way to make a difference, rescuing them from starvation. William's dream is that other African's will learn to help themselves – one windmill and one light bulb at a time.
History	<b>Lies we tell ourselves - Robin Talley</b>
	It's 1959. The battle for civil rights is raging, And it's Sarah's first day of school as one of the first black students at previously all-white Jefferson High. No one wants Sarah there, especially Linda. Sarah and Linda are supposed to despise each other. But the more time they spend together, the less their differences matter. And both girls start to feel something they've never felt before. Because it's one thing to stand up to an unjust world – but another to be terrified of what's in your own heart. This book packs a very powerful punch
Music	<b>House of Music- Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason</b>
	Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason opens up about what it takes to raise a musical family in Britain divided by class and race. What comes out is a beautiful; and heart rending memoir of the powerful determination, camaraderie and a lot of hard work.
P.E	<b>Jonny: My Autobiography -Jonny Wilkinson</b>
	This is the unrelenting and brutally honest account of one of the most revered and successful and complex athletes ever to play rugby for England. A gripping true story about the lessons Jonny learnt about mental reliance, how to be a team leader and why it's important to stay present with a focus on your goals, a must read for Rugby or sport fans.