

**St Aidan's Church of England High School Library**  
**Recommended reads for Year 12 & 13**

The Alchemist	Paolo Coelho	Believe in your dreams
A Clockwork Orange	Anthony Burgess	Cult novel
All the Light we Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	Moving Second World War story
Americanah	C Adichie	A love story
Beck	M Rosoff and M Peet	Harrowing
The Cuckoo Calling	R Galbraith	Detective fiction by JK Rowling
A Passage to India	E M Forster	Colonial India brought to life
All Quiet on the Western Front	E M Remarque	Moving, poignant WW2 novel
Angel's Game	C R Zafon	Supernatural action thriller
Atonement	Ian McEwan	Family conflict and deceit
Birdsong	S Faulks	First World War fiction
Bonfire of the Vanities	Tom Wolfe	Satire on the money-feverish 1980s
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	Thought provoking dystopia
Brick Lane	Monica Ali	A young Asian immigrant in Tower Hamlets
The Buddha of Suburbia	Hanif Kureishi	Don't read it if you're easily offended
Burnt Shadows	K Shamsie	An epic book spanning generations and countries
Crow Road	Iain Banks	'It was the day my grandmother exploded'
Cutting for Stone	Abraham Verghese	Forbidden love, family secrets and a country in turmoil
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Gail Honeyman	Sad but uplifting story
The End of the World Running Club	Adrian J Walker	A race against time thriller
Enigma	Robert Harris	WWII mystery novel
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo	Stieg Larsson	Popular crime/mystery series
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	Mary Ann Shaffer	Poignant, German Occupation
The Hand That First held Mine	Maggie O'Farrell	Two women, two linked stories
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	The Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one function, to breed
The Help	Katherine Stockett	1962 USA black maids/ white children
High Fidelity	Nick Hornby	Humour, romance, music
The History of Love	N Krauss	Moving storyline, memorable <b>PTO</b>

How to Stop Time	Matt Haig	Time travel romance
The Lacuna	Barbara Kingsolver	1940s/50 USA and Mexico
The Life of Pi	Yann Martell	Read the book before seeing the film
Little Stranger	Sarah Waters	Chilling
The Long Song	Andrea Levy	Slave trade in Jamaica
The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold	Thought provoking, tear jerker
The Muse	Jessie Burton	England 1967, Spain 1936, romance, art
Never Let Me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro	Love, friendship and the fragility of life
The Night Circus	Erin Morgenstern	A fairy tale
On the Road	Jack Kerouac	USA travels of Sal Paradise
Oranges are not the only fruit	Jeanette Winterson	Semi-autobiographical
The Outcast	Sadie Jones	A riveting story
The Power	Naomi Alderman	Feminist Science Fiction
Ready Player One	Ernest Cline	The year 2044, an ugly place
Regeneration	Pat Barker	Agony of the First World War
The Return	Victoria Hislop	Set during the Spanish Civil War
Room	Emma Donoghue	Prisoners in their own home
Sacred Hearts	Sarah Dunant	Historical fantasy
The Secret History	Donna Tartt	Shocking story of a group of students
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd	Racism in the deep South
Silver Linings Play Book	Matthew Quick	Love, life and US football
Sister	Rosamund Lupton	Psychological thriller
Small Island	Andrea Levy	Prejudice in post-war Britain
Swing Time	Zadie Smith	Race, friendship, dance
Trainspotting	Irvine Welsh	Thrilling, frightening and funny
The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead	Gripping adventures of a young slave
Vernon God Little	DBC Pierre	Angry, sharp, smart and witty
The Wasp Factory	Iain Banks	Macabre horror story
Waterland	Graham Swift	Life and history in the Fens
White Tiger	Aravind Adiga	Set in India, thought provoking
Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel	Historical novel

This is just a selection of books available in the Library – don't forget the classics, travel fiction etc!  
**Please** ask Mrs Roth if you need any help finding a good book to read. 2018

