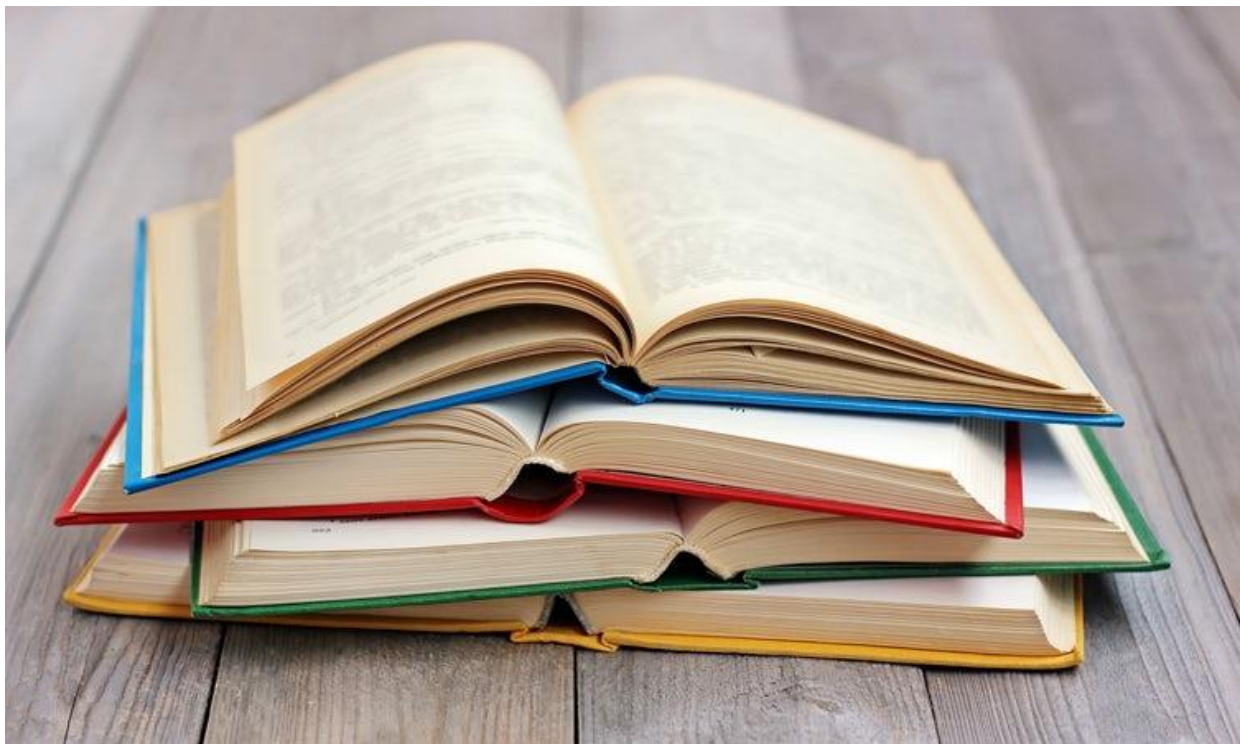




Reading Marathon



Suggested book titles and authors from A-Level subjects

2019

*Aiming to develop students who are **caring, resourceful, employable and well-qualified***

Architecture	<p><i>A History of Architecture in 100 Buildings</i> - Cruikshank <i>The Future of Architecture in 100 buildings</i> - Kushner <i>Architecture: A Visual History</i> - Glancey</p>
Art & Design	<p><i>The Story of Art</i> - Ersnt Gombrich <i>Ways of Seeing</i> – John Berger <i>A History of the World in a 100 Objects</i> – Neil MacGregor <i>Camera Lucida: Reflections on Photography</i> – Roland Barthes <i>Contemporary Art: A Very Short Introduction</i> - Julian Stallabrass <i>The Andy Warhol Diaries</i> - Pat Hackett (ed) <i>The American Leonardo: A Tale of 20th Century Obsession, Art and Money</i> - John Brewer <i>I Was Vermeer: The Forger Who Swindled the Nazis</i> - Frank Wynne <i>The Shock of the New</i> - Robert Hughes <i>The War of Art / Do the Work</i> - Steven Pressfield <i>101 things to learn in Art School</i> - Kit White</p>
Biology	<p><i>The Red Queen</i> - Matt Ridley <i>Reason for Hope</i>- Jane Goodall <i>The Chemistry of Life</i> - Steven Rose Anything by the geneticist Steve Jones (particularly <i>Language of the Genes</i>, <i>Almost Like a Whale</i> and <i>Y: The Ascent of Man</i>) <i>Genome</i> - Matt Ridley <i>The Wisdom of the Genes</i> - Wills <i>Life on the Edge: Quantum Biology</i> - Al-Khalili & J McFadden <i>The Selfish Gene and The Extended Phenotype</i> - Richard Dawkins <i>Junk DNA</i> - Carey <i>Life Ascending</i> - Nick Lane <i>The Revenge of Gaia</i> - Lovelock <i>50 Genetic Ideas You Really Need To Know</i> - Henderson <i>Zoobiquity</i> - Horowitz & Bowers <i>Creation: The Origin of Life</i> - Rutherford <i>The Sixth Extinction</i> - Kolbert <i>Great Myths of the Brain</i> - Jarrett <i>The Gene – an Intimate History</i> - Mukherjee <i>How We Live and Why We Die</i> - Wolpert <i>Honeybee Democracy</i> – Seeley <i>Ten Women who Changed Science and the World</i> - Catherine Whitlock</p>
Business	<p><i>Culture Code</i> - Daniel Coyle <i>Against all Odds</i> - James Dyson <i>Losing my Virginity</i> - Richard Bryson <i>Entrepreneur Revolution: How to develop your entrepreneurial mind-set and start a business</i> - Daniel Priestly <i>Managing Leadership</i> - Jim Stroup <i>The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference</i> – Malcolm Gladwell</p>
Chemistry	<p><i>The Science of Everyday Life: Why Teapots Dribble, Toast Burns and Light Bulbs Shine</i> - Marty Jopson <i>Stuff Matters</i> - Mike Miodownik <i>Periodic Tales: The Curious Lives of the Elements</i> - Hugh Aldersey-Williams <i>The Chemistry of Life</i> - Steven Rose <i>Chemistry</i> - Brock <i>Principles of Biochemistry</i> - White, Handler & Smith <i>Chemistry for Changing Times</i> - Hill, McCreary & Kolb <i>Materials Science</i> - Ramsden <i>The Periodic Kingdom</i> - Atkins</p>

	<p><i>Mendeleyev's Dream - the search for the elements</i> - Strathern <i>Periodic Tables - The Curious Life of the Elements</i> - Aldersty & Williams <i>The Disappearing Spoon</i> - Kean <i>50 Ideas you really need to know about Chemistry</i> - Birch <i>The Periodic Table – a field guide to the elements</i> - Parsons & Dixon <i>Ten Women who Changed Science and the World</i> - Catherine Whitlock</p>
Classics	<p><i>SPQR</i> - Mary Beard <i>Love, Sex and Tragedy: Why Classics Matter</i> – Simon Goldhill <i>Rubicon</i> - Tom Holland <i>Mythos: The Greek Myths Retold: A Retelling of the Myths of Ancient Greece</i> – Stephen Fry <i>The Histories</i> - Tacitus <i>The 12 Caesars</i> - Suetonius Greek plays of: Sophocles, Euripides, Aeschylus and Aristophanes, Virgil's <i>Aeneid</i> (the translation of Book VI by Seamus Heaney is particularly fine) and Lucretius' <i>De Rerum Natura</i></p>
Computer Science	<p><i>Computer Programming for Teens</i> - Mary Farrell <i>Artificial Intelligence</i> - Henry Brighton & Howard Selina <i>Python Building Big Apps</i> - Chris Roffey <i>Kudu for Kids: The official guide to creating your own Apps</i> - James Floyd Kelly <i>Computational Fairy Tales</i> - Jeremy Kubica <i>The Pattern on the stone: The simple ideas that make computers work</i> - Daniel Hills <i>The First Computers: History and Architecture</i> - Paul Rojas <i>Decoding the Heavens</i> - Jo Marchant <i>Codebreakers: The Inside story of Bletchley Park</i> - F.H Hinsley(ed) & Alan Stripp(ed)</p>
Design	<p><i>The Dream Factory: Alessi since 1921</i> - Alberto Alessi <i>Memphis</i> - Brigitte Fitoussi <i>Memphis</i> - Barbara Radice <i>Ettore Sottsass: A critical biography</i> - Barbara Radice <i>Design for the Real World: Human Ecology and Social Change</i> - Victor Papanek <i>Emotional Design: Why We Love (or Hate) Everyday Things</i> - Donald A. Norman <i>Design of Everyday Things</i> - Donald A. Norman <i>Making It: Manufacturing Techniques for Product Design</i> - Chris Lefteri <i>Materials for Design</i> - Chris Lefteri</p>
Drama	<p><i>Antigone</i> - Sophocles, translated by Don Taylor <i>Greek Theatre Performance: An Introduction</i> - David Wiles <i>Guide to Greek Theatre and Drama</i> - Kenneth McLeish Play-texts of the following: <i>1984</i> - George Orwell <i>Scorch</i> - Stacy Gregg <i>Consent</i> - Nina Raine <i>Chatroom</i> - Edna Walsh <i>Random</i> - Debbie Tucker Green</p>
Economics	<p><i>Capitalism and Freedom</i> - Milton Friedman <i>Peddling Prosperity</i> - Paul Krugman <i>The Armchair Economist</i> - Steven Landsburg <i>Eat the Rich</i> - P.J. O'Rourke <i>A Random Walk Down Wall Street</i> - Burton Malkiel <i>Thinking Strategically</i> - Avinash Dixit & Barry Nalebuff <i>Freakonomics</i> - Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner <i>Poor Economics: barefoot hedge-fund managers, DIY doctors and the surprising truth about life on less than \$1 a day</i> - A V Banerjee & E Duflo <i>The Undercover Economist & The Logic of Life</i> - T Harford <i>End This Depression Now!</i> - P Krugman <i>Macroeconomics (7th edition)</i> - N G Mankiw</p>

	<i>Microeconomics</i> (2nd edition) - W Morgan, M L Katz & H Rosen
Electronics	<p><i>Electronics for Today and Tomorrow</i> – Tom Duncan</p> <p><i>Digital Systems</i> - Ronald Tocci & Neal Widmer</p> <p><i>Art of Electronics</i> - Paul Horowitz & Winfield Hill</p> <p><i>Electronic Logic Circuits</i> – J Gibson</p> <p><i>Electronics: A Systems Approach</i> - Dr Neil Storey</p> <p><i>Problems and Solutions in Circuit design</i></p>
English Language	<p><i>Mother Tongue</i> - Bill Bryson</p> <p><i>For Who the Bell Tolls</i> - David Marsh</p> <p><i>The Fight for English</i> - David Crystal</p> <p><i>You are what you Speak</i> - Robert Lane Greene</p> <p><i>The Myth of Mars and Venus</i> - Deborah Cameron</p> <p><i>You Just don't Understand</i> - Deborah Tannen</p> <p><i>The Life of Slang</i> - Julie Coleman</p> <p><i>Eats, Shoots and Leaves</i> - Lynne Truss</p> <p><i>The Language Wars: A History of Proper English</i> - Henry Hitchens</p>
English Literature	<p>1984 – George Orwell</p> <p><i>War of the Worlds</i> - HG Wells</p> <p><i>Never Let Me Go</i> - Kazuo Ishiguro</p> <p><i>The Glass Menagerie</i> - Tennessee Williams</p> <p><i>Summer and Smoke</i> - Tennessee Williams</p> <p><i>A View From The Bridge</i> - Arthur Miller</p> <p><i>King Lear</i> - Shakespeare</p> <p><i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> - John Webster</p> <p><i>Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction</i> - Jonathan Culler</p> <p><i>Shakespeare: The Invention of the Human</i> - Howard Bloom</p> <p><i>How Fiction Works</i> – James Wood</p> <p><i>The Rattle Bag – An Anthology of Poetry</i> - Seamus Heaney & Ted Hughes (eds)</p> <p><i>Tyrant: Shakespeare on Power The Reader</i> - Stephen Greenblatt</p>
French	<p><i>Madame Bovary</i> - Gustave Flaubert</p> <p><i>En Attendant Godot</i> - Samuel Beckett</p> <p><i>Huis Clos</i> - Jean-Paul Sartre</p> <p><i>Un Sac de Billes</i> - Joseph Joffo</p> <p><i>Candide</i> - Voltaire</p> <p><i>Le Malade Imaginaire</i> - Molière</p> <p><i>Germinal</i> - Émile Zola</p> <p><i>La Chute</i> - Albert Camus</p> <p><i>Stupeur et Tremblements</i> - Amélie Nothomb</p> <p><i>Bonjour Tristesse</i> - Françoise Sagan</p> <p><i>Le Père Goriot</i> - Honoré de Balzac</p>
Geography	<p><i>Connectography - Mapping the Future of Global Civilization</i> - Parag Khanna</p> <p><i>Prisoners of Geography</i> - Tim Marshall</p> <p><i>Factfulness</i> - Hans Rosling</p> <p><i>The Power of Place</i> - Harm de Blij</p> <p><i>The Revenge of Geography</i> - Robert D Kaplan</p> <p><i>Unruly Places</i> - Alastair Bonnett</p> <p><i>Maphead</i> - Ken Jennings</p> <p><i>Plate Tectonics: Continental Drift and Mountain Building</i> - Wolfgang Frisch</p>
History	<p><i>The Whisperers: Private Life in Stalin's Russia</i> - Orlando Figes</p> <p><i>Everything is Illuminated</i> - Jonathan Safran Foer</p> <p><i>HhHH</i> (Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich) - Laurent Binet</p> <p><i>Hanns & Rudolph: The German Jew & the Hunt for the Kommandant of Auschwitz</i> -Thomas Harding</p> <p><i>Anna Karenina (19th Century Russia)</i> – Leo Tolstoy</p>

	<p><i>Making of Modern Britain</i> - Andrew Marr <i>Gentleman in Moscow</i> - Amor Towles <i>Young Stalin/Court of the Red Tsar/The Romanovs</i> - Simon Sebag Montefiore <i>Never Had It So Good: A History of Britain from Suez to the Beatles</i> - Dominic Sandbrook <i>Saturday night, Sunday morning</i> (post WWII) - Alan Sillitoe <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> - Charles Dickens <i>People of the Abyss</i> (Industrial Revolution) - Jack London <i>Black Like Me</i> (African-American Civil Rights) - John Howard Griffin <i>If Not Now, When?</i> (WWII/ Russia) - Primo Levi <i>Napoleon / Citizen Emperor</i> - Philip Dwyer <i>1984</i> - George Orwell</p> <p><i>American Exceptionalism</i> - F. H. Buckley <i>The Quiet American</i> - Graham Greene <i>Holocaust: A New History</i> - Laurence Rees <i>Hiroshima</i> - John Hersey <i>The Frontier in American History</i> - Frederick Jackson Turner <i>The American Future: A History from the Founding Fathers to Barack Obama</i> - Simon Schama <i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West</i> - Dee Brown <i>The Shortest History of Germany</i> - James Hawes ('<i>The Shortest History of...</i>' series is pretty good - also books on Europe and England)</p>
Law	<p><i>The Justice Game</i> - Robertson <i>Getting into Law</i> - Lygo (ed.) <i>The Search for Justice</i> - Rozenburg <i>Understanding Law</i> - Adams & Brownsword <i>Law and Modern Society</i> - Atiyah <i>On Evidence</i> - Murphy – just dip into this! <i>The Rule of Law</i> - Bingham <i>Bonfire of the Liberties: New Labour, Human Rights</i> - Ewing <i>The Very Short Introduction To...</i> series, e.g. ...<i>to Human Rights</i> - Clapham, ... <i>to the Philosophy of Law</i> - Wacks <i>New Penguin Guide to the Law</i> - John Pritchard</p>
Maths	<p><i>Fermat's Last Theorem</i> - Singh Various by Ian Stewart: <i>Does God Play Dice and Nature's Numbers, From Here To Infinity, Significant Figures & Letters to a Young Mathematician</i> <i>Easy as Pi</i> - Ivanov Various by Marcus du Sautoy: <i>The Music of the Primes, How to Count to Infinity, The Number Mysteries & Finding Moonshine</i> <i>Just Six Numbers</i> - Rees <i>In Code</i> - Flannery <i>Numbers, Sets and Axioms</i> - Hamilton <i>The Universe and the Teacup – the Maths of Truth and Beauty</i> - K.C. Cole <i>Algebra and Geometry</i> - Beardon <i>Hidden Connections, Double Meanings</i> - Wells <i>Elastic Fishponds. The Maths that Governs our World</i> - Elwes <i>The Norm Chronicles</i> - Blastland & Spitgethaltes <i>Our Mathematical Universe</i> - Tegmark <i>Updates for 2018 are Beyond Infinity</i> - Cheng <i>Weapons of Math Destruction</i> - O'Neill <i>Ian Stewart's 17 equations that changed the world and Thinking in Numbers</i> - Temmet</p>
Medicine	<p><i>Do No Harm</i> - Marsh <i>When Breath Becomes Air</i> - Kalanithi <i>Fall Down Seven times, Get Up Eight</i> - Higashida <i>Hippocratic Oaths</i> - Tallis</p>

	<p><i>A very short introduction to Medical Ethics</i> (Short intro' series) <i>The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine</i> - Le Fanu <i>NHS Plc – the privatisation of health care</i> - Pollock <i>Betraying the NHS</i> - Mandelstram <i>NHS SOS</i> - Davis and Tullis <i>The Political Economy of Health Care</i> - Tudor Hart <i>Being Mortal & The Checklist Manifesto</i> – Atul Gawande <i>Causing Death and Saving Lives</i> - Glover <i>How doctors think</i> - Groopman <i>Diagnosis; Dispatches from the Frontlines of Medical Mysteries</i> - Sanders <i>Bad Pharma</i> – Goldacre <i>How Not to be a Doctor and Other Essays</i> – John Launer <i>So you want to be a Doctor</i> - Dev and Metcalfe <i>A Very Short Introduction to the Eye</i> - Lund <i>The Eye Book</i> - Grierson <i>The Ophthobook</i> - Tim Root <i>Just One More Question: Stories from a Life in Neurology</i> – Niall Tubridy</p>
Media	<p><i>Understanding Media</i> – McLuhan <i>Media, Culture & Society</i> – Hodkinson <i>Media Control: The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda</i> – Noam Chomsky</p>
Music	<p><i>Incomplete & Utter History of Classical Music</i> – Stephen Fry <i>Big Bangs</i> – Howard Goodall <i>Mozart's Letters</i> – W A Mozart (ed. Peter Washington) <i>Dark Magnus: The Jekyll & Hide Life of Miles Davis</i> – Gregory Davis <i>Slash: The Autobiography</i> – Slash</p>
PE/ Sport Science	<p>Various books by Jonathan Wilson, esp. <i>Inverting the Pyramid</i> <i>The Jersey</i> - Peter Bills <i>The Captain Class</i> - Sam Walker <i>The Miracle of Castel de Sangro</i> - Joe McGuinness <i>Peak Performance</i> – Stulberg & Magnus <i>The Greatest / Bounce</i> – Matthew Syed <i>Exercise Physiology and Functional Anatomy</i> – C Clegg <i>Mechanics and Sport Performance</i> – P Walder</p>
Physics	<p><i>Surely You're Joking Mr Feynman: Adventures of a Curious Character</i> - Richard P Feynman <i>Quantum Theory Cannot Hurt You: Understanding the Mind-Blowing Building Blocks of the Universe</i> - Marcus Chown <i>Moon dust: in search of men who fell to Earth</i> - Andrew Smith <i>The Physics of the Impossible and Parallel Worlds</i> - Kaku <i>Hyperspace</i> - Khan <i>Smashing Physics: Inside the world's biggest experiment</i> - Butterworth <i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i> - Bill Bryson <i>Seven brief lessons on Physics</i> - Rovelli <i>Chaos</i> - Gleich <i>Quantum</i> - Kumar <i>How to teach Quantum Physics to your Dog</i> - Orzel <i>50 Physics Ideas You Really Need to Know</i> - Baker <i>The Elegant Universe</i> - Greene <i>Just Six Numbers</i> - Rees <i>About Time</i> - Frank <i>The Wonders of the Solar System</i> - Brian Cox <i>An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth</i> - Hadfield <i>A Space Traveller's Guide to the Solar System</i> - Thompson <i>Ripples in Spacetime</i> - Schilling <i>Calculating the Cosmos</i> - Stewart</p>

	<p><i>The Ascent of Gravity</i> – Marcus Chown <i>Brief Answers to the Big Questions</i> – Stephen Hawking <i>Ten Women who Changed Science and the World</i> - Catherine Whitlock</p>
Politics /PPE	<p><i>The Origins of Political Order</i> – Fukuyama <i>American Politics and Society</i> - David McKay <i>Understanding American Government & Politics</i> - Duncan Watts <i>The Spectre At the Feast</i> - Gamble <i>The Establishment and how they get away with it</i> - Owen Jones <i>British Politics</i> - Madgwick <i>Mind The Gap</i> - Mount <i>The Politics Book</i> - Kelly <i>Becoming</i> - Michelle Obama <i>Audacity of Hope / Dreams from my Father</i> - Barack Obama <i>WTF</i> – Robert Peston <i>After Europe</i> - Krastev <i>Gorgias</i> - Plato <i>What is Good?</i> - A.C. Grayling <i>How to outwit Aristotle</i> - Peter Cave <i>Do you think what you think you think?</i> - Julian Baggini <i>The Philosophical Life</i> - Miller <i>What do we really know?</i> – Blackburn <i>The Consolations of Philosophy</i> – de Botton <i>The Very Short Introduction to...series...e.g. British Politics, Political Philosophy, American Politics</i> etc.</p>
Psychology	<p><i>The Men who Stare at Goats</i> – Jon Ronson <i>The Psychopath Test</i> – Jon Ronson <i>Understand Psychology: How Your Mind Works and Why You Do the Things You Do</i> – Nicky Hayes <i>The Joke and Its Relation to the Unconscious</i> – Sigmund Freud <i>The 'Wolfman' and Other Cases</i> – Sigmund Freud <i>A Very Short Introduction to Psychology</i> - Gillian Butler & Freda McManus <i>A Very Short Introduction to Social Psychology</i> – Richard J Crisp <i>Introducing Psychology: A Graphic Guide to Your Mind and Behaviour</i> - Nigel Benson <i>Psychology of Mind, Science and Behaviour</i> - R Gross</p>
Religious Studies/Ethics	<p><i>The Puzzle of Ethics</i> - Peter Vardy <i>The Puzzle of Evil</i>- Peter Vardy <i>The Thinkers Guide to God</i> - Peter Vardy <i>Either/Or: A fragment of life</i> - Soren Kierkegaard <i>The varieties of Religious Experience: A study in human nature</i> - William James <i>Philosophy of Religion: A very short introduction</i> - Tim Bayne <i>Metaphysics: A very short introduction</i> - Stephen Mumford</p>
Sociology	<p><i>An Inspector Calls</i> – J.B. Priestly <i>Brave New World</i> – Aldous Huxley <i>Animal Farm</i> – George Orwell <i>1984</i> – George Orwell <i>Lord of the Flies</i> – William Golding <i>The Bell Jar</i> – Sylvia Plath <i>The Yellow Wallpaper</i> - Charlotte Perkins Gilman <i>The Great Gatsby</i> – F. Scott Fitzgerald <i>His Dark Materials</i> – Philip Pullman <i>Of Mice and Men</i> – John Steinbeck <i>Harry Potter</i> – J.K. Rowling <i>Hunger Games</i> – Suzanne Collins <i>A Clockwork Orange</i> – Anthony Burgess</p>

	<i>A Doll's House</i> – Henrik Ibsen <i>Great Expectations</i> – Charles Dickens <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> – Harper Lee <i>The Power</i> – Naomi Alderman <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> – Margaret Atwood
Spanish	<i>Las bicicletas son para el verano</i> - Fernando Fernán Gómez <i>Como agua para chocolate</i> - Laura Esquivel <i>El chamán de la tribu</i> - Ricardo Alcántara <i>La sombra del viento</i> - Carlos Ruiz Zafón <i>El otro árbol de Guernica</i> - Luis de Castresana <i>El coronel no tiene quien le escriba</i> - Gabriel Garcia Marquez <i>El entenado</i> - Juan José Saer <i>La casa de los espíritus</i> - Isabel Allende <i>El príncipe de la niebla</i> - Carlos Ruiz Zafón <i>El arte de volar</i> - Antonio Altarriba
Science Fiction (Some recommendations from the Science dept.)	<i>Oryx and Crake</i> - Margaret Atwood <i>The End Specialist</i> - Drew Magary <i>The Girl with All the Gifts</i> - Mike Carey

* When you finish a book, write the book and your name on a piece of paper and put it in the box outside Mr Jenkins' office. 1 book = 1 mile. Prizes for students who complete the challenge as well as random prize draws for entries in the box!