

St Edward's Academy

Curriculum Reading Lists

To help you to be successful in all curriculum areas, you should spend time exploring your subjects more widely. Reading around your subjects will help to increase your understanding and will be an interesting and rewarding activity. This additional reading is a supra-curricular activity and it enhances the curriculum. The supra-curriculum is also different to the extra-curricular activities that you take part in.

A supra-curricular activity is subject-specific academic exploration. It builds on and goes beyond what you are studying through the school curriculum. Supra-curricular activities are purely academic in focus and directly relevant to the subject being studied (as opposed to only being relevant through the transferable skills gained). A supra-curricular activity therefore refers to anything you do to explore your subject in greater depth in your own time.

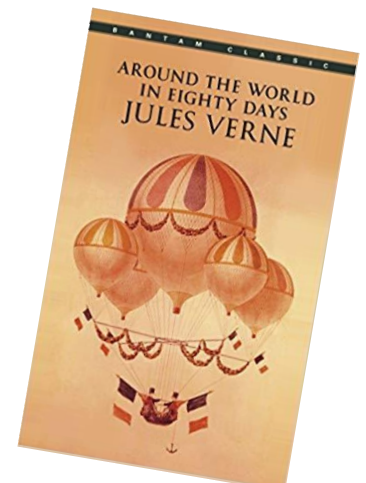
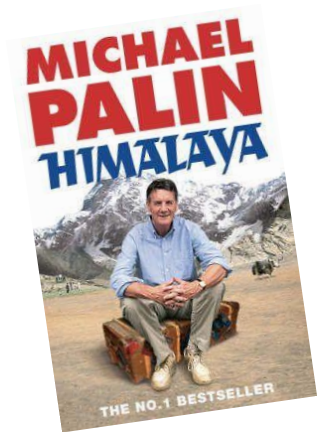
Academic enrichment should be an interesting and rewarding process for you. There is no set formula, nor any 'required reading': it is a chance for you to pick topics that fascinate you and to explore them in a variety of ways. There are also no exams or deadlines and you are free to develop your own lines of research. Do not feel pressured to read something that seems 'impressive', let your own interests guide you. Academic exploration is also a good chance for you to think about what you might like to study in the future.

The following reading lists are intended to challenge and interest you and deepen your understanding of the subject. Enjoy!

Geography

Key Stage 3

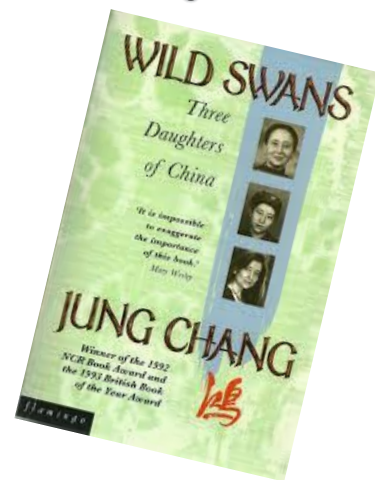
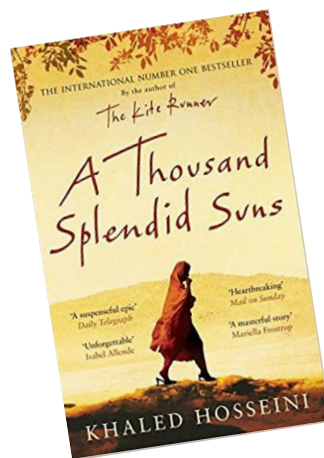
- The Horrible Geography Series
- Jules Verne - Around the World in Eighty Days
- Bill Bryson - Notes from a Small Island
- Michael Palin - Himalaya
- Sophie Coe - The True History of Chocolate
- Nicholas Crane - Coast: Our Island Story: A Journey of Discover Around Britain's Coastline
- Nicholas Crane - Clear Waters Rising: A Mountain Walk across Europe
- Dervla Murphy - Between River and Sea, Encounters in Israel and Palestine
- Benedict Allen - Mad White Giant Hunting the Gugu
- Michael Palin - Round the World in 80 Days
- Michael Palin - Sahara
- Idries Shah - World Tales
- Tahir Shah - Beyond the Devil's Teeth



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Key Stage 4

- Jung Chang - Wild Swans
- Khaled Hosseini - A Thousand Splendid Suns
- Khaled Hosseini - The Kite Runner
- John Le Carre - The Constant Gardener
- Fred Pearce - People Quake: Mass Migration, Ageing Nations and the Coming Population Crash
- Joe Bennett - Where Underpants Come From: From Checkout to Cotton Field—Travels Through the New China
- Eric Schlosser - Fast Food Nation: What all the American Meal is Doing to the World



Key Stage 5

- N Coe, P Kelly & H Yeung - Economic Geography: A Contemporary Introduction
- K Dodds - Geopolitics: A Very Short Introduction
- S Holloway, S Rice & G Valentine - Key Concepts in Human Geography
- M Maslin - Global Warming: A Very Short Introduction
- J Matthews & D Herbert - Geography: A Very Short Introduction
- D Mitchell - Cultural Geography
- M Redfern - The Earth: A Very Short Introduction

