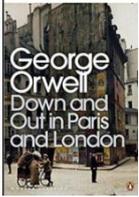
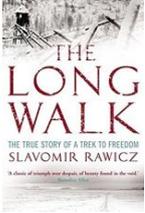


RECOMMENDED READING LIST – YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13



Down and Out in Paris and London – George Orwell

George Orwell's vivid memoir of his time living among the desperately poor and destitute in the two cities. It is a moving tour of the underworld of society.



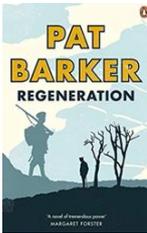
The Long Walk – Slavomir Rawicz

An account of a young Polish cavalry officer who was arrested by the Russians, tortured and sentenced to 25 years forced labour. It describes his 3 month journey from Moscow to the prison camp in Siberia, his escape with 6 companions and their journey across the Gobi desert to Tibet and freedom.



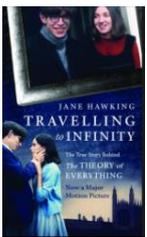
The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness

Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run...



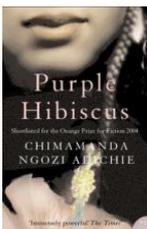
Regeneration – Pat Barker

A classic exploration of how the traumas of war brutalised a generation of young soldiers. Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen are dispatched to Craiglockhart War Hospital in Scotland in 1917. There, an army psychiatrist is treating brutalised, shell-shocked men in order to make them ready to fight again. Can he in all conscience send them back to the horrors of the trenches?



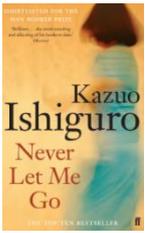
Travelling to Infinity – Jane Hawking

In this compelling memoir, Jane Hawking, Stephen Hawking's first wife, relates the inside story of their extraordinary marriage. She confronts not only the acutely complicated and painful dilemmas of her first marriage, but also the fault lines exposed in a relationship by the pervasive effects of fame and wealth. The result is a book about optimism, love and change that will resonate with readers.



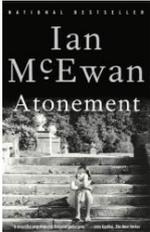
Purple Hibiscus – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The limits of fifteen-year-old Kambili's world are defined by the high walls of her family estate and the dictates of her fanatically religious father. Her life is regulated by schedules: prayer, sleep, study, prayer. When Nigeria is shaken by a military coup, Kambili's father sends her to live with her aunt, where she discovers life and love - and a terrible, bruising secret deep within her family.



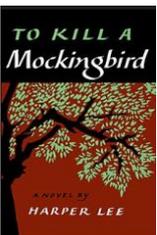
Never Let Me Go – Kazuo Ishiguro

Kazuo Ishiguro imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewed version of contemporary England. Narrated by Kathy, the novel dramatises her attempts to come to terms with her childhood at the seemingly idyllic Hailsham School and with the fate that has always awaited her and her closest friends in the wider world. A story of love, friendship and memory.



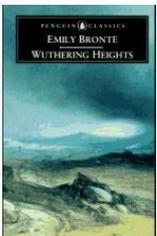
Atonement – Ian McEwan

On the hottest day of the summer of 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis sees her sister Cecilia strip off her clothes and plunge into the fountain in the garden of their country house. Watching her too is Robbie Turner. By the end of that day, the lives of all three will have been changed for ever, as Briony commits a crime for which she will spend the rest of her life trying to atone.



To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

A coming-of-age, anti-racist novel, of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Lee explores with exuberant humour the irrationality of adult attitudes to race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice. But the weight of history will only tolerate so much.



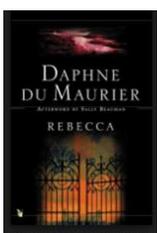
Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte

A tale of the troubled orphan Heathcliff and his doomed love for his wealthy benefactor Catherine Earnshaw. Through Catherine's betrayal of Heathcliff and his bitter vengeance, their mythic passion haunts the next generation even after their deaths. Wuthering Heights is a mystifying and powerful tour de force.



Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe

The novel explores one man's futile resistance to the devaluing of his Igbo traditions by British political and religious forces and his despair as his community capitulates to the powerful new order. It is considered to be one of the most illuminating and permanent monuments to African experience.



Rebecca – Daphne Du Maurier

Rebecca is the haunting story of a young girl consumed by love and the struggle to find her identity. An international bestseller that has never gone out of print.