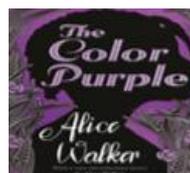
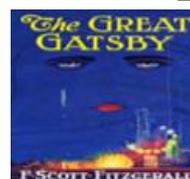
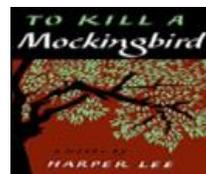
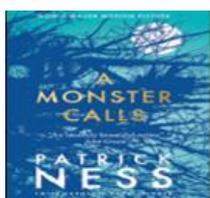
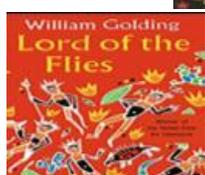
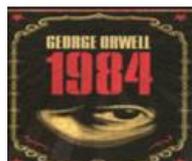
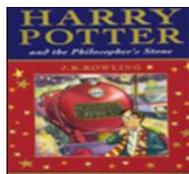


The George Eliot School

Reading Challenge



I opened a book and in I strode
 Now nobody can find me.
 I've left my chair, my house, my road,
 My town and my world behind me.
 I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
 I've swallowed the magic potion.
 I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
 And dived in a bottomless ocean.
 I opened a book and made some friends.
 I shared their tears and laughter
 And followed their road with its bumps and bends
 To the happily ever after.
 I finished my book and out I came.
 The cloak can no longer hide me.
 My chair and my house are just the same,
 But I have a book inside me.

I opened a book, by Julia Donaldson

Reading is the gateway to every subject in school, but more than that, it is the gateway to a world of imagination, learning, growth and experience.

Without an excellent standard of literacy, it is proven that students struggle to access lessons, curriculum and exams but more importantly, they are missing out on a whole world of incredible stories, and fascinating characters.

That is why we at The George Eliot School encourage all students (and staff!) to take part in the reading challenge: to read 50 of the best books ever written before you leave in year 11.

Will you make it on to our Wall of Excellence?

10 books read? – Bronze award

25 books read? – Silver award

50 books read? – Gold award

Year 7 suggested titles	Year 8 suggested titles	Year 9 suggested titles	Year 10 suggested titles	Year 11 suggested titles
Harry Potter The Hunger Games Treasure Island The Hobbit A Monster Calls Romeo and Juliet Alice in Wonderland	Lord of the Flies Little Women Gulliver's Travels Of Mice and Men The Fault in our Stars Lord of the Rings Dune	1984 Animal Farm Sherlock Holmes I am Legend To Kill a Mockingbird Wonder Fahrenheit 451	Pride and Prejudice The Great Gatsby Dracula Jane Eyre Rebecca Wuthering Heights	It The Handmaid's Tale The Colour Purple Never Let Me Go Brave New World The Catcher in the Rye