
Mrs Fenton, Librarian and Mr Craig-Wood, Lead, KS4 English

3 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and students in Year 10

Reading at Cheney

The benefits of reading include better mental health and increased empathy for those around them. Moreover, research shows that "Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little (Sullivan and Brown 2013)." To this end, as a school, Cheney actively encourages its students to read both for information and for enjoyment and as students move closer to their GCSEs, a regular reading habit is important now, more than ever.

To support this, we have put together a new KS4 reading list, which highlights texts that are recommended to stretch and enhance the work that is done in class. The texts are categorised to support English Literature set texts but if students aim to read widely across the list, the benefits will be felt in every curriculum subject.

A link to the list can be found [here](#). Every book is available to borrow from the school library and they can be reserved via the Cheney Library site (accessible via RM Unify). Go to *Quick Lists* and select the *KS4 reading list*. There is also a pdf available of the book-list available via the library site (select e-file from the book list) and students can upload it to their phones via a QR code.

Every student who reads a book from the new list and writes a review via the library software will receive 20 house points.

We will be actively promoting reading to year 9 and 10 students over the coming weeks and it would be of benefit if parents and carers could also support this conversation at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher or Mrs Fenton should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Mr Ruari Craig-Wood, Lead, KS4 English
rcw@cheney.oxon.sch.uk

Mrs Jill Fenton, Librarian
jfe@cheney.oxon.sch.uk