



Padgate Academy Recommends

25 Reading Books

for Year 11 students.

	Name of Book	Written by	Blurb
1	#MurderTrending	<i>Gretchen McNeil</i>	When seventeen-year-old Dee Guerrero wakes up in a haze, lying on the ground of a dimly lit warehouse, she realizes she's about to be the next victim of the app. Knowing hardened criminals are getting a taste of their own medicine in this place is one thing, but Dee refuses to roll over and die for a heinous crime she didn't commit.
2	Baby Teeth	<i>Meg Grehan</i>	Immy has been in love before - many times, across many lifetimes. But never as deeply, as intensely as this. It starts when Claudia offers her a yellow rose. Claudia has never loved like this before either. But then, she's never been loved by a vampire before.
3	Birdsong	<i>Sebastian Faulks</i>	1910. Amiens, Northern France. Stephen Wraysford, a young Englishman, falls in love with unhappily married Isabelle and the two enter a tempestuous love affair. But, with the world on the brink of war, the relationship falters. Stephen volunteers to fight on the Western Front and enters the unimaginable dark world of war,
4	Carrie	<i>Stephen King</i>	To be invited to Prom Night by Tommy Ross is a dream come true for Carrie - the first step towards social acceptance by her high school colleagues. But events will take a decidedly macabre turn on that horrifying and endless night as she is forced to exercise her terrible gift on the town that mocks and loathes her . . .
5	Cosmos	<i>Carl Sagan</i>	Cosmos is one of the bestselling science books of all time. In clear-eyed prose, Sagan reveals a jewel-like blue world inhabited by a life form that is just beginning to discover its own identity and to venture into the vast ocean of space.
6	Dune	<i>Frank Herbert</i>	Set on the desert planet Arrakis, <i>Dune</i> is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, who would become the mysterious man known as Maud'dib. He would avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family and would bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream.
7	East of Eden	<i>John Steinbeck</i>	Set in the rich farmland of the Salinas Valley, California, this powerful, often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families - the Trasks and the Hamiltons - whose generations hopelessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel.
8	Felix Ever After	<i>Kacen Callender</i>	Felix Love has never been <i>in</i> love - and, yes, he's painfully aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. What's worse is that, even though he is proud of his identity, Felix also secretly fears that he's one marginalisation too many - Black, queer and transgender - to ever get his own happily-ever-after.
9	Flowers for Algernon	<i>Daniel Keyes</i>	Charlie Gordon, IQ 68, is a floor sweeper and the gentle butt of everyone's jokes - until an experiment in the enhancement of human intelligence turns him into a genius.

10	Great Expectations	<i>Charles Dickens</i>	Through a series of unexpected events, Pip embarks upon a journey of self-discovery and maturity. Along the way, he meets a variety of colourful characters and learns valuable life lessons. Great Expectations is an uplifting story of hope, perseverance, and the power of redemption.
11	How It All Blew Up	<i>Arvin Ahmadi</i>	Eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi always knew that coming out to his Muslim family would be messy, but he wasn't expecting it to end in an airport interrogation room. Now, he's telling his side of the story to the stern-faced officer.
12	Maus	<i>Art Spiegelman</i>	<i>Maus</i> tells the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. Approaching the unspeakable through the diminutive (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), Vladek's harrowing story of survival is woven into the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father.
13	Pride and Prejudice	<i>Jane Austen</i>	When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind. When she later discovers that Darcy has involved himself in the troubled relationship between his friend Bingley and her beloved sister Jane, she is determined to dislike him more than ever.
14	Savage Her Reply	<i>Deirdre Sullivan</i>	Aife marries Lir, a chieftain with four children by his previous wife. Jealous of his affection for his children, the witch Aífe turns them into swans for 900 years.
15	Speak	<i>Laurie Halse Anderson</i>	Melinda is friendless and outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party.
16	The Catcher in the Rye	<i>J.D. Salinger</i>	The novel details two days in the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he has been expelled from prep school. Confused and disillusioned, Holden searches for truth and rails against the "phoniness" of the adult world. He ends up exhausted and emotionally unstable. The events are related after the fact.
17	The Great Gatsby	<i>F. Scott Fitzgerald</i>	Through the narration of Nick Carraway, the reader is taken into the superficially glittering world of the mansions which lined the Long Island shore in the 1920s, to encounter Nick's cousin Daisy, her brash but wealthy husband Tom Buchanan, Jay Gatsby and the mystery that surrounds him.
18	The Kite Runner	<i>Khaled Hosseini</i>	Afghanistan, 1975: Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But neither of the boys can foresee what will happen to Hassan that afternoon, an event that is to shatter their lives.
19	The Left Hand of Darkness	<i>Ursula Le Guin</i>	Two people, until recently strangers, find themselves on a long, tortuous and dangerous journey across the ice. One is an outcast, forced to leave his beloved homeland; the other is fleeing from a different kind of persecution. What they have in common is curiosity, about others and themselves, and an almost unshakeable belief that the world can be a better place.

20	The Silver Chain	<i>Jion Sheibani</i>	Azadeh is a budding violinist on a music scholarship at an expensive private school, dealing with all the usual trials of being sixteen: trying her best to fit in, keep up and have fun. Then as her mum's mental health spirals out of control, Azadeh's world starts to unravel. H
21	The Name of the Rose	<i>Umberto Eco</i>	When his delicate mission is suddenly overshadowed by seven bizarre deaths, Brother William turns detective. William collects evidence, deciphers secret symbols and coded manuscripts, and digs into the eerie labyrinth of the abbey where extraordinary things are happening under the cover of night.
22	The Time Machine	<i>H.G. Wells</i>	A young scientist builds a machine that transports him 800,000 years into the future. He finds that the earth is decaying, and humanity has evolved into two distinct species: the brutal Morlocks and the gentle Eloi. The scientist befriends the Eloi, who consume a diet of fruit and play during the day.
23	The Three Musketeers	<i>Alexandre Dumas</i>	Set between 1625 and 1628, the novel recounts the adventures of a young man named d'Artagnan after he leaves home to travel to Paris, hoping to join the Musketeers of the Guard. He is befriended by three of the most formidable musketeers of the age – Athos, Porthos and Aramis, "the three musketeers" and becomes involved in affairs of state and at court.
24	The Trial	<i>Franz Kafka</i>	<i>This is</i> the terrifying tale of Josef K., a respectable bank officer who is suddenly and inexplicably arrested and must defend himself against a charge about which he can get no information.
25	When Shadows Fall	<i>Sita Brahmachari</i>	Orla and Zak grew up together, their days spent on the patch of wilderness in between their homes, a small green space in a sprawling grey city. Music, laughter and friendship bind them together and they have big plans for their future - until Kai's family suffers a huge loss.