

Recommended Reading List Year 10

ANY GENRE - MOST POPULAR BOOKS OF 2025

- **Onyx Storm – Rebecca Yarros**
One of the most popular 2025 novels, topping charts on Goodreads and bestseller lists — great for fans of fantasy or high stakes drama.
- **Atmosphere – Taylor Jenkins Reid**
Another major 2025 favourite exploring ambition, identity, and space exploration.
- **The Last Stand – Freida McFadden**
A top selling thriller from 2025 — pacy and ideal for advanced KS4 readers.

WELSH LANGUAGE BOOKS

WELSH / WELSH-IDENTITY THEMED

- **Owen Sheers – various extracts (e.g., from The Dust Diaries or poems)**
Explores landscape, identity, Welshness.
- **The Valley of Lost Secrets – Lesley Parr**
Evacuees in a Welsh mining village; strong sense of place.

WRITTEN IN WELSH / BY WELSH AUTHORS

- **Llyfr Glas Nebo – Manon Steffan Ros**
Hugely popular; dystopian; excellent for discussion of Wales and identity.
- **Blasu – Manon Steffan Ros**
More mature themes but accessible; rural Welsh identity foregrounded.

SPORTS

FICTION

- **The Crossover – Kwame Alexander**
Basketball story told in verse; brilliant for analysing form and style.
- **After the Shot Drops – Randy Ribay**
Basketball story addressing poverty, loyalty, and choices.
- **The Weight of Water – Sarah Crossan**
Not strictly sports-based, but features swimming and themes of perseverance.

NONFICTION

- **Open (Young Readers Edition) – Andre Agassi**
Insightful tennis autobiography.
- **Stories of the Olympians – Tom McMillan**
Focus on Olympic athletes' journeys.

