

## Recommended Reading List Year 11

### ANY GENRE - MOST POPULAR BOOKS OF 2025

- **Everything Is Tuberculosis – John Green**  
Winner of the 2025 Goodreads Choice Award for Nonfiction – blends memoir, history, and science in an accessible way.
- **The Anxious Generation – Jonathan Haidt**  
A bestselling 2025 nonfiction title exploring mental health, society, and wellbeing – excellent for GCSE PSHE links.
- **The Wager – David Grann**  
A widely read narrative nonfiction survival saga – sophisticated but gripping.

### WELSH LANGUAGE BOOKS

#### WELSH / WELSH-IDENTITY THEMED

- **Sheers – Pink Mist (poetry)**  
Consistently used at GCSE/AS; explores place and identity.
- **The Coal House Children – Kevin McCann**  
Drama based on Welsh heritage and family history.

#### WRITTEN IN WELSH / BY WELSH AUTHORS

- **Cysgod y Cryman – Islwyn Ffowc Elis**  
A Welsh-language classic; strong political and identity themes.
- **Y Storiâu Bach – Mihangel Morgan**  
Short, sharp stories for older KS4 readers.

### SPORTS

#### FICTION

- **Boy21 – Matthew Quick**  
Basketball, identity, trauma, and hope.
- **Beartown – Fredrik Backman**  
Ice hockey-focused; heavier themes (violence, pressure, loyalty).  
Note: Suitable for mature readers only.

#### NONFICTION

- **The Greatest: My Own Story – Muhammad Ali**  
Classic sports autobiography.
- **The Pursuit of Endurance – Jennifer Pharr Davis**  
A look at ultra-endurance sports and mental strength.
- **I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition)**  
Not a sports book, but excellent for themes around resilience often discussed in PE and PSHE.

