

List for 2020 entrants to the College.

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Chinua Achebe – Things Fall Apart
 Naomi Alderman – The Power
 Margaret Atwood – The Handmaid’s Tale
 Malorie Blackman- Noughts and Crosses
 Ray Bradbury – The Veldt
 Albert Camus – The Stranger
 Suzanne Collins – The Hunger Games
 Joseph Conrad – The Heart of Darkness
 Charles Dickens- Great Expectations
 Carol Ann Duffy – The Bees
 Gail Honeyman – Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine
 David Hume – An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding
 Aldous Huxley – Brave New World
 Kazuo Ishiguro – Never Let me Go
 Robert Kiyosaki – Rich Dad Poor Dad
 Harper Lee – To Kill a Mockingbird
 Niccolo Machiavelli- The Prince
 Henry Marsh – Do No Harm
 Michelle Obama – Becoming
 George Orwell – Animal Farm
 Steven Pinker – The Language Instinct
 Sylvia Plath – The Bell Jar
 Oliver Sacks – The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat
 Matthew Syed – Bounce: The Myth of Talent and the Power of Practice
 Natasha Walter – Living Dolls
 Oscar Wilde – Picture of Dorian Gray

Oxford University Press – ‘Very Short Introduction’ Series

African History
 Archaeology
 Art History
 Autism
 The Brain
 The British Constitution
 Chemistry
 Classics
 Design
 The Earth
 Economics
 English Literature
 Evolution
 Film
 Free Will
 Freud
 Geography
 History
 The History of Medicine
 Intelligence
 Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Mysticism
 Jung
 Law
 Liberalism
 Linguistics
 Locke
 Mathematics
 Medical Ethics
 Modern Art
 Music
 Philosophy
 Philosophy of Law
 Photography
 Politics
 Social and Cultural Anthropology
 Sociology
 Sport
 Sufism
 William Shakespeare



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Reading...

- ✓ is how you discover new things
- ✓ helps you to develop a positive self-image
- ✓ helps build confidence
- ✓ is a vital skill to function effectively in society
- ✓ helps to expand your mind
- ✓ develops your imagination
- ✓ enables you to educate yourself
- ✓ enables you to be informed
- ✓ helps shape your opinions
- ✓ improves your concentration by forcing you to use your brain
- ✓ helps you to reason things out which are unfamiliar
- ✓ helps to stretch your memory muscles by forcing you to remember detail
- ✓ improves your vocabulary
- ✓ aids creativity
- ✓ helps you to learn
- ✓ makes you more interesting
- ✓ reduces stress
- ✓ is entertaining
- ✓ improves your conversation skills
- ✓ makes you smarter
- ✓ improves your ability to write

