

The West Exe Canon



The West Exe Canon is a collection of 23 significant, inspiring and challenging texts that will open new perspectives, ideas and thinking for every student at West Exe.

By the time they leave us, our students will have read 23 magnificent, thought provoking and hopefully, life changing texts: books that will bring depth, colour and culture to their lives; books that allow them to see the world from many varying perspectives and bring a greater understanding of the way the world works; books that will be a pleasure to read.

Each student will study five texts a year.

Two will be studied in library lessons lead by English teachers. Three will be read in tutor time.

Through the Canon our students will become lifelong readers and learners.

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
Cycle 1 English library lessons	WONDER	The Woman in Black	Anita and Me	To Kill a Mockingbird	
	A heart warming story of a boy born with facial differences who becomes the most unlikely of heroes.	A spooky, gothic text with ghosts, strange noises and a remote location.	A relatable story of class, race and friendship.	Innocence and experience, kindness and hatred explored in one small town.	
Cycle 1 Tutor reader <i>Celebrating Diversity</i>	Noughts and Crosses	Refugee Boy	The Perks of Being a Wall Flower	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night- time	The 57 Bus
	Exploring race and power in an alternate world.	A heart-warming story examining how we treat refugees.	A group of teenage friends exploring their own angst and sexuality.	A coming of age book of a boy with special needs and a pet rat.	Race, class, gender and crime. A true story of one teen in a skirt, and another with a lighter
Cycle 2 English library lessons	The War of the Worlds	The Signalman	Poe's Short Stories	Heart of Darkness	Fathers and Sons
	Examining human behaviour in a crisis. One of the most famous sci-fi books of all time.	An introduction to 19 th Century ghost stories and the supernatural.	Exciting, macabre and haunting! Explores mental health, identity and the darker side of life.	A reflection on human civilisation and psychology.	A powerful drama of youthful radicalisation.
Cycle 2 Tutor reader <i>Literary non-fiction</i>	You are Awesome	Diary of a Young Girl	I am Malala	Wind, Sand and Stars	Oranges are not the Only Fruit
	Encouraging teens to find their confidence and daring them to be awesome.	The diary of a child in hiding from the Nazis for two years.	The autobiography of the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban.	'Self-discovery comes when a man tests himself against an obstacle.'	A frank, witty story exploring sexuality and religion.
Cycle 3 From Afar Tutor reader	The Whale Rider	The Silver Sword	Wind, Sand and Stars	The 57 Bus	
	A beautiful tale of identity and voice from	A Jewish family separated during WW2 overcome many struggles	'Self-discovery comes when a man tests himself against an	Race, class, gender and crime. A true story of one teen in a	