

Year 11 Reading List Summer Term 2020

## Birdsong / Sebastian Faulks

Stephen moves to live with a family in northern France and falls in love. But as tensions rise in the build-up to the first world war, so do tensions in his relationship. He escapes to fight for his country, not at all realising what awaits him.



# The Kite Runner / Khaled Hosseini

This Novel is set in Afghanistan in 1975.An anticipated and competitive local kite championship attracts Amir and Hassan, who are keen to win. It centres on one event afterwards which will change Hassan's life forever, and one which years later he seeks to put right.



### The Institute / Stephen King

Luke Ellis is abducted and wakes up at The Institute, in a room with no windows. Outside his door are doors, behind which there are kids with special talents—telekinesis and telepathy. They want to extract from the children the force of their extranormal gifts. If you go along, you get tokens, if you don't, punishment is brutal. Luke becomes desperate to get out, but no one has ever escaped from the Institute.



#### The Downstairs Girl / Stacey Lee

By day, 17-year-old Jo Kuan works as a maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. By night, Jo is the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column "Dear Miss Sweetie." Here she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills, but she's not prepared for the backlash that follows when challenging fixed ideas about race and gender.



### On the Come Up / Angie Thomas

This book is an ode to hip hop. It is the story of fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you; and about how, freedom of speech isn't always free.



#### If I Stay / Gayle Forman

17-year-old Mia has no memory of the accident; she can only recall what happened afterwards, watching her own damaged body being taken from the wreck. Little by little she struggles to put together the pieces- to figure out what she has lost, what she has left, and the very difficult choice she must make.

