**Loreto Abbey, Dalkey**

**Transition Year- Sixth Year Reading List**

**Strong Female Lead**

* *Where the Crawdads Sing,* by Delia Owens
* *Furious Thing,* Jenny Downham
* *The Bell Jar,* Sylvia Plath
* *Wise Children,* Angela Carter
* *Circe,* Madeline Miller
* *The Handmaid’s Tale,* Margaret Atwood
* *Girl, Woman, Other,* Bernadine Evaristo
* *Not My Problem,* Ciara Smyth
* *The Burning,* Laura Bates
* *The Diary of a Confused Feminist,* Kate Weston
* *Loveless,* Alice Oseman
* *Holding Up the Universe,* Jennifer Niven
* *The Gilded Ones,* Namina Forna
* *A Curse So Dark and Lonely,* Brigid Kemmerer
* *Savage Her Reply,* Deirdre Sullivan

**World Literature**

* *The Kite Runner,* Khaled Hosseini
* *Half A Yellow Sun,* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
* *Before the Coffee Gets Cold,* Toshikazu Kawaguchi
* *Stay With Me,* Ayobami Adebayo
* *The Book Thief,* Markus Zusak
* *Persepolis,* Marjane Satrapies
* *The Travelling Cat Chronicles,* Hiro Arikawa
* *The Alchemist,* Paulo Coelho
* *My Sister, The Serial Killer,* Oyinkan Braithwaite
* *The Rest of Their Lives,* Jean-Paul Didierlaurent
* *Pachinko,* Min Jin Lee
* *Anxious People,* Fredrik Backman
* *Wild Swans,* Jung Chang
* *The Life of Pi,* Yann Martel
* *All the Light We Cannot See,* Anthony Doerr
* *The Remains of the Day,* Kazuo Ishiguro
* *Girl with the Louding Voice,* Abi Dare
* *The Beekeeper of Aleppo,* Christy Lefteri
* *The Night Tiger,* Yangsze Choo
* *The Children of Blood and Bone,* Tomi Adeyemi

***Classic Literature***

* *Persuasion,* Jane Austen
* *Sense and Sensibility,* Jane Austen
* *Jane Eyre,* Charlotte Bronte
* *Wuthering Heights,* Emily Bronte
* *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall,* Anne Bronte
* *Of Mice and Men,* John Steinbeck
* *Catch 22,* Joseph Heller
* *The Picture of Dorian Gray,* Oscar Wilde
* *The Catcher in the Rye,* J.D. Salinger
* *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter,* Carson McCullers
* *Rebecca,* Daphne Du Maurier
* *Great Expectations,* Charles Dickens
* *Shadow of the Wind,* Carlos Ruiz Zafon
* *Flush,* Virginia Woolf

**Feminism and Social Justice**

* *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry,* Mildred E. Taylor
* *Americanah,* Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
* *Beloved,* Toni Morrison
* *Things Fall Apart,* Chinua Achebe
* *The Hate U Give,* Angie Thomas
* *Born A Crime,* Trevor Noah
* *The Color Purple,* Alice Walker
* *Everyday Sexism,* Laura Bates
* *Don’t Touch My Hair,* Emma Dabiri
* *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men,* Caroline Criado Perez
* *Sister Outsider,* Audre Lorde
* *Why I’m No Longer Talking To White People About Race,* Reni Eddo-Lodge
* *Poisoned,* Jennifer Donnelly

**Poetry**

* *Felicity,* Mary Oliver
* *The World’s Wife,* Carol Ann Duffy
* *Gold Light Shining,* Bebe Ashley
* *She Must be Mad,* Charly Cox
* *The Poetry Pharmacy,* William Sieghart

**Irish Writers**

* *Paddy Clarke, Ha Ha Ha,* Roddy Doyle
* *Angela’s Ashes,* Frank McCourt
* *That They May Face the Rising Sun,* John McGahern
* *Room,* Emma Donoghue
* *Star of the Sea,* Frank O’ Connor
* *Girl,* Edna O’Brien
* *Brooklyn,* Colm Toibin
* *Leonard and Hungry Paul,* Ronan Hession
* *Paris Syndrome,* Lucy Sweeney-Byrne
* *Tangleweed and Brine,* Deirdre Sullivan
* *All Our Hidden Gifts,* Caroline O’Donoghue
* *Holding Her Breath,* Eimear Ryan
* *Her Kind,* Niamh Boyce
* *Let The Great World Spin,* Colum McCann
* *Normal People,* Sally Rooney
* *Spare and Found Parts,* Sarah Maria Griffin
* *History of the Rain,* Niall Williams

**Popular Fiction**

* *Apple and Rain,* Sarah Crossan
* *Breathless,* Jennifer Niven
* *One of Us is Lying,* Karen McManus
* *The Henna Wars,* Adiba Jagridor
* *Super Fake Love Song,* David Yoon
* *Eleanor and Park,* Rainbow Rowell
* *The Midnight Library,* Matt Haig
* *Song of Achilles,* Madeleine Miller
* *We Were Liars,* E Lockhart
* *The Art of Being Normal,* Lisa Williamson
* *What if it’s Us,* Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera
* *The Sky is Everywhere,* Jandy Nelson
* *Little Fires Everywhere,* Celeste Ng.
* *Everything, Everything,* Nicola Yoon
* *The Sun Is Also A Star,* Nicola Yoon
* *The Perks of Being a Wallflower,* Stephen Chbosky

**Fantasy and Science Fiction**

* *Good Omens*, Terry Pratchett
* *Lord of the Rings*, J.R.R. Tolkien
* *1984*, George Orwell
* *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, Patrick Ness
* *Queen of Coin and Whispers,* Helen Corcoran
* *Shadow and Bone,* Leigh Bardugo
* *A Discovery of Witches,* Deborah Harkness
* *Marked,* P.C. Cast
* *Perfectly Preventable Deaths,* Deirdre Sullivan
* *Dune,* Frank Herbert
* *The Priory of the Orange Tree,* Samantha Shannon

**Non-fiction**

* *Long Walk to Freedom,* Nelson Mandela
* *Becoming,* Michelle Obama
* *Pandora’s Jar,* Natalie Haynes
* *Take Courage,* Samantha Ellis
* *The Cost of Living,* Deborah Levy
* *I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing,* Maya Angelou
* *An Unsung Hero (Tom Crean, Antarctic Survivor),* Michael Smith
* *War Doctor,* David Nott
* *The Audacity of Hope,* Barack Obama
* *Notes from a Small Country,* Bill Bryson
* *Shakespeare: The World as Stage,* Bill Bryson
* *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, Bill Bryson
* *Hope in a Ballet Shoe: Orphaned by War, Saved by Ballet,* Michaela DePrince
* *The Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank
* *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood up For Education and Changed the World*, Malala Yousafzai
* *The Choice,* Dr. Edith Eger
* *Reasons to Stay Alive,* Matt Haig
* *This Is Going to Hurt,* Adam Kay
* *Educated,* Tara Westover
* *My Life on the Road,* Gloria Steinem
* *Recollections of my Non-Existence,* Rebecca Solnit
* *The Order of Time,* Carlo Rovelli

**Plays**

* *A Doll’s House*- Henrik Ibsen
* *The Lime Tree Bower,* Conor McPherson
* *Death of a Salesman*- Arthur Miller
* *The Crucible*-Arthur Miller
* *Hamlet*- William Shakespeare
* *Oedipus Rex*- Sophocles
* *The Importance of Being Ernest,* Oscar Wilde