



June 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

While the summer is a time for reflection and intellectual renewal for our students, a time for recreation and relaxation, we are hopeful that it is also a time of preparation for the academic year ahead. Specifically, we are hoping that the summer offers opportunities for reading. Because of the value we place on reading, the English Department has implemented a summer reading requirement for all students.

**One** book is assigned to all students in each grade level, 9 through 12, as indicated in the list below. Additionally, each student is required to read **one** novel of his or her choice. Reading lists with suggestions are available by clicking on this link: [High School Reading Suggestions](#)

The assigned reading for each incoming grade level is:

**GRADE 9**                    *Noughts and Crosses* - Malorie Blackman

**GRADE 10**                *Purple Hibiscus* - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

**GRADE 11**                *1984* - George Orwell

**GRADE 12**                *Perfume* - Patrick Süskind: students enrolled in **IB Literature (HL and SL)** and in **IB Language & Literature (HL and SL)**

*The Hate You Give* - Angie Thomas: students enrolled in **IB English B (HL and SL)**

You can purchase these books online or visit one of the English Language bookshops in the center of Rome!

La Feltrinelli International Via Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, 86, 00185 Roma RM	Almost Corner Bookshop Via del Moro, 45, 00153 Roma RM	Anglo American Book Via della Vite, 102, 00187 Roma RM
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Once the school year begins, your English teacher will administer a written assessment based on your summer reading. Please annotate the text while you read: underline the most important passages and key quotations, notate vocabulary, and to put comments to yourself in the margins. **Make sure you bring the books with you on the first day of school.**

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The English Department