

The Harden Library

Leaving Certificate “texts” prescribed for comparative study, for examination in the year **2021** are listed here. All items are available in the school library. Audio versions are available for some texts. (*Indicates “One text for study on its own”.)

Fiction -- Novel

Americanah	by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Behind the Scenes at the Museum	by Kate Atkinson
The Handmaid’s Tale * (H/O)	by Margaret Atwood
Persuasion	by Jane Austen
Days Without End * (H/O)	by Sebastian Barry
Wuthering Heights * (H/O)	by Emily Bronte
All the Light We Cannot See	by Anthony Doerr
Room * (O)	by Emma Donoghue
Silas Marner	by George Eliot
Never Let Me Go	by Kazuo Ishiguro
Star of the Sea	by Joseph O’Connor
Nineteen Eighty Four * (O)	by George Orwell
The Damned Utd	by David Peace
The Spinning Heart	by Donal Ryan
The Luras	by Sara Taylor
Out of Shadows	by Jason Wallace
The Picture of Dorian Gray (1891 version)	by Oscar Wilde

Autobiography / Memoir

It’s Not Yet Dark	by Simon Fitzmaurice
If This Is a Man	by Primo Levi

Drama

Waiting for Godot	by Samuel Beckett
Eclipsed	by Patricia Burke-Brogan
By the Bog of Cats * (O)	by Marina Carr
Philadelphia Here I Come * (O)	by Brian Friel
Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching towards the Somme	by Frank McGuinness
Tribes	by Nina Raine
King Lear * (H/O)	by William Shakespeare
The Tempest * (H/O)	by William Shakespeare
Oedipus the King	by Sophocles

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Film

Brooklyn

Directed by John Crowley

Unforgiven

Directed by Clint Eastwood

About Elly

Directed by Asghar Farhadi

Winter's Bone

Directed by Debra Granik

Trading Places

Directed by John Landis

Hunger

Directed by Steve McQueen

Pride

Directed by Matthew Warchus

Some Like it Hot

Directed by Billy Wilder

Graphic Novel (Memoir)

Persepolis I & II: The Story of a Childhood
and The Story of a Return

by Marjane Satrapi

Poets (Selected poems by)

(Higher Level)

Elizabeth Bishop, Eavan Boland, Paul Durcan, Robert Frost, Seamus Heaney,
Gerard Manley Hopkins, John Keats, Sylvia Plath.

(Ordinary Level)

Elizabeth Bishop, Eavan Boland, Robert Browning, Kate Clanchy, Paul Durcan,
Robert Frost, Thom Gunn, Randolph Healy, Seamus Heaney, George Herbert,
Gerard Manley Hopkins, Andrew Hudgins, John Keats, Francis Ledwidge, Richard
Murphy, Julie O'Callaghan, Mary O'Malley, Sylvia Plath, Percy Bysshe Shelley,
Penelope Shuttle, Gary Soto, David Wheatley.