Reading Lists

The following lists are books that would appeal to the appropriate age of students. We advise reading as widely and as much as possible. Teachers will check in with students to discuss their reading.

Year 7 Reading List

- Freedom (1783) by Catherine Johnson
- Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari
- Kick by Mitch Johnson
- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
- The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
- Robin Hood: Jet Skis, Swamps and Smugglers by Robert Muchamore
- Peter Pan by JM Barrie
- The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper
- Wolf by Gillian Cross
- Some Places More Than Other by Renee Watson
- The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley Holland
- Boy and Going Solo by Roald Dahl
- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- · Across the Barricades by Joan Lingard
- War Horse by Michael Murpurgo
- Stone Cold by Robert Swindells
- His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman
- The Indian in the Cupboard Trilogy by Lynne Reid Banks
- The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff
- The Cay by Theodore Taylor
- The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend
- Cue for Treason by Geoffrey Tease
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- The Sword in the Stone by T.H. White
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
- Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- The Box of Delights by John Masefield
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- · Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge
- A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair by Nicholas Fisk

Year 8 Reading List

- · Wink by Rob Harrell
- Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine
- Liccle Bit by Alex Wheatle
- Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird
- Kerb-Stain Boys by Alex Wheatle
- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- · Animal Farm by George Orwell and Chris Mould
- Be Resilient by Nicola Morgan
- Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah
- The Coral Island by R.M. Ballantyne
- Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
- The Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham
- The Flame Tress of Thika by Elspeth Huxley
- Goggle Eyes by Anne Fine
- Raspberries on the Yangtze by Karen Wallace
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- Small Steps by Louis Sachar
- The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle
- How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
- I am David by Anne Holm
- Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
- A Kestrel for a Knave by Barry Hines
- Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- The Tulip Touch by Anne Fine
- The Plague Digs by Richard Adams
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Tightrope by Gillian Cross
- I'm the King of the Castle by Susan Hill
- The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Unbearable by Paul Jennings
- Treasure Island by R.L. Stevenson
- The Haunting by Margaret Mahy
- Z for Zachariah by Robert O'Brien
- Shadowmancer by G.P. Taylor

Year 9 Reading List

- Monsters of Men by Patrick Ness
- The Secret Act by Alison Weatherby
- The Midwich Cuckoos by John Wyndham
- Every Line of You by Naomi Gibson
- Lionheart Girl by Yaba Badoe
- Maladapted by Richard Kurti
- Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- The Call by Paedar O'Guilin
- The Twilight Saga by Stephanie Meyer
- The Amnesia Clinic by James Scudamore
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
- Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
- Thief by Malorie Blackman
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
- Philip Larkin Collected Poems
- The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Empire of the Sun by J.G. Ballard
- Noah Can't Even by Simon James Green
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- I, Claudius by Robert Graves
- The Mosquito Coast by Paul Theroux
- Shakespeare: The World as a Stage by Bill Bryson
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- Paddy Clarke Ha, Ha, Ha by Roddy Doyle
- · Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Scoop by Evelyn Waugh
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Burning Secret by Stefan Zweig

Year 10 Reading List

- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
- Grow by Luke Palmer
- Oxygen Mask by Jason Reynolds, art by Jason Griffin
- As Far as You'll Take Me by Phil Stamper
- We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen
- 13 Minutes: A Novel by Sarah Pinborough
- · Paper Butterflies by Lisa Heathfield
- Every Day by David Levithan
- A Separate Peace by John Knowles
- Never Let me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- American Gods by Neil Gaiman
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- This Book is Cruelty Free by Linda Newbery
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
- Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep by Philip K. Dick
- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela
- The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks
- The Road by Cormac McCarthy
- All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John Le Carre
- I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith
- Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
- Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell
- The Lord of The Rings by JRR Tolkien
- Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
- Schindler's Ark by Thomas Keneally
- Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson
- Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie

Year 11 Reading List

- Looking for Alaska by John Green
- The Silver Chain by Jion Sheibani
- Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender
- Savage Her Reply by Deirdre Sullivan
- When Shadows Fall by Sita Brahmachari
- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- The Time Machine by H.G Wells
- Baby Teeth by Meg Grehan
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- Games of Thrones by George R.R. Martin
- Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks
- On the Road by Jack Kerouac
- The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
- The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco
- How It All Blew Up by Arvin Ahmadi
- The Trial by Franz Kafka
- The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins
- War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
- David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
- Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Don Quixote by Miguel Cervantes
- Carrie by Stephen King
- The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch
- A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson
- Cosmo by Carl Sagan
- Maus by Art Spiegelman
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriela Garcia Marquez
- East of Eden by John Steinbeck
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- Dune by Frank Herbert
- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
- Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace
- MurderTrending by Gretchen McNeil
- Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
- The Lovely Bones by Alice S