

READING LIST

With thanks to King Alfred's Academy, Oxford for supplying the original list which we have adapted to suit our own student's needs.

* = suggested for school years 7 upwards
(13+) = suggested for teens aged 13+ years

(14+) = suggested for teens aged 14+ years

(A) = classified as an adult read

Recommended Reads

Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

Storm Catchers by Tim Bowler (13+)

The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Rooker - John Boyne*

Bodyguard series by Chris Bradford*

Mortal Chaos or *Lie, Kill, Walk Away* –M Dickinson *

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd *

The Girl Who Stole an Elephant by Nizrana Farook*

The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock*

High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson*

The Long Weekend by Savita Kalan*

Girl Missing (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie (13+)

The Recruit (& sequels) or *Killer T* -R Muchamore (14+)

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen *

Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman *

Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper, The Explorer by K Rundell *

Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) – R Stevens *

Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick *

The Extinction Trials by SM Wilson (13+)

Dystopian & Science Fiction

The Infinite by Patience Agbabi *

The Middler or *Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum*

Ink (& sequels) by Alice Broadway (14+)

Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari *

Gone or *BRZK* (& sequels) -Michael Grant (14+)

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake (14+)

The Giver and *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry *

The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea & How to Bee by Bren Macdibble (!) – Environmental dystopia *

The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)-P Ness (14+)

Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)-P Reeve *

Scythe, Unwind, Dry (& sequels) – N Shusterman (13+)

Destination Earth by Ali Sparkes*

Contagion or *Slated* (& sequels) by Teri Terry (13+)

The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford*

The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey *

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

The House with Chicken Legs & *Girl/Bear* -S. Anderson*

Asha & the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan*

Mind Writer by Steve Cole*

Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer*

Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans *

Ranger's Apprentice or *Brotherband* - J Flanagan*

Inkheart (& sequels) or *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke *

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman *

Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin *

Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy*

Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)*

Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy*

Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini*

Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher –Chris Priestley*

Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman *

Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell*

Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children -Riggs
Zom-B* or *Cirque du Freak (& sequels) by D. Shan (13+)
Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard *
The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell *

Humorous books

Little Badman & [...] Killer Aunties - Humza Arshad *
Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy by Frank C Boyce*
The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels) by Max Brallier*
Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole*
Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire (&more)-T.Collins*
The 13-Storey Treehouse (& series) by A Griffiths*
Granny & Groosham Grange by Anthony Horowitz
Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy... by Konnie Huq*
Enginerds (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner*
Disaster Diaries: Zombies (&sequels)-R McGeddon*
The Accidental Billionaire series- T McLaughlin *
The World of Norm series by Jonathon Meres*
Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis*
Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)*
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce*

Relationships & Tough Situations

Lost by Eve Ainsworth*
Cyborg Cat (& sequels) - Ade Adepitan*
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate*
Boy Underwater by Adam Baron*
Pig-Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman *
Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman (13+)
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman (14+)
Blubber or anything by Judy Blume *
Artichoke Hearts* or *Jasmine Skies -S. Brahmachari*
A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby*
Efren Divided by Ernesto Cisneros*
New Kid by Jerry Craft*
One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee -S Crossan (14+)
Stella by Starlight* or *Blended by Sharon Draper *
Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant*
Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy - P Earle*

The Many Worlds of Albie Bright –Chris Edge*
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine *
Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies by A. Fine*
Lenny's Book of Everything by Karen Foxlee*
Check Mates & The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster*
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia*
George by Alex Gino*
Tall Story* or *Shine by Candy Gourlay*
The Island at the End of Everything by KM Hargrave*
After the Fire by Will Hill (14+)
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen*
A Different Dog by Paul Jennings*
Red Sky in the Morning or Song/Dolphin Boy -E Laird *
The Wolf Road by Richard Lambert (13+)
Scarlet Ibis by Gill Lewis *
Rain Reign by Ann M Martin
Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark by Anthony McGowan *
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness *
No Fixed Address* or *Word Nerd – Susin Nielsen (!)
Wonder by R.J. Palacio *
Pax* or *Here in the Real World - S Penny packer *
Unboxed by Non Pratt *
Look Both Ways, Ghost – J Reynolds*
Long Way Down, - J Reynolds (13+)
Ghost Boys -J Jewell P Rhodes *
Can You See Me* or *Do You Know Me–Scott & Westcott*
The Marvels* or *Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick*
The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla (13+)
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli *
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor *
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (14+)
Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson*
The 1000 Year Old Boy* or *Time/Hamster - Ross Welford*
A Boy Called Hope* or *Ocean/Armchair - by L Williamson*
Brown Girl Dreaming* or *Harbor Me - J Woodson * ***Front Desk*** by Kelly Yang *

Sports

Booked, Crossover or Rebound – K. Alexander*
Stat Man by Alan Durant *
Unstoppable* or *Man of the Match - Dan Freedman*
The Number 7 Shirt* or *The Lion Roars - A Gibbons*
Kick by Mitch Johnson
The Fix by Sophie McKenzie*
The Greatest: Muhammed Ali by Walter D Myers*

Ultimate Football Heroes Collection – M&T Oldfield*
Football Academy or ***Foul Play*** series–Tom Palmer*
Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series) by Bali Rai*
Outcasts United (young people edition) -W. St John
The Football Boy Wonder (& sequels) - Martin Smith*
Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary Schmidt*

History, War, Conflict & Refugee Experience

Soldier Dog or ***A Horse Called Hero*** - Sam Angus
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by J Boyne *
Illegal by Eoin Colfer *
Wolf Children by Paul Dowswell *
Red Shadow or Eleven Eleven –P Dowswell (13+)
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper (14+)
Boy 87 by Ele Fountain*
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion (!)
Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman *
Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay *
Race to the Frozen North*, ***1783, Blade and Bones*** or ***Sawbones*** by Catherine Johnson*
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen (13+)
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (!)
Crusade by Elizabeth Laird*
Buffalo Soldier or ***Apache*** by Tanya Landman *
Every Falling Star (North Korea) by Sungju Lee (13+)
Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story by P Lawrence
Shadow or ***In the Mouth of the Wolf*** –Morpurgo*
Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers*
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielson*
After the War, Armistice Runner or ***Over/Line***-T Palmer*
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story by Bali Rai*
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf (!)
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (!)
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe (!)
Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah(13+)
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak (13+)