

Recommended Reading List

Everybody has a favourite book and it is very hard to select a list of books to recommend to parents and students. This list is only the tip of the iceberg. There are many more that we could add to the list. Please feel free to email suggestions to us.

The ages in brackets are only a recommendation of the suitability of the content and reading level. Although the English teachers have read most of these books, we haven't read everyone so it is advisable that you have a quick skim of the book to check its suitability.

* shows that the book is a series of books.

Action and Adventure

Alan Gibbons – Shadow of the Minotaur (12)
Alex Scarow – Time Riders* (11)
Alex Shearer – Tins (11)
Ali Lewis – Everybody Jam (13)
Ali Sparkes – The Shapeshifters* (12)
Andrew Lane – Young Sherlock Holmes* (12)
Andy Mulligan -Trash (13)
Anthony Horowitz – Alex Rider series, start with Stormbreaker* (11)
Antony McGowen – The Knife that Killed me (15)
Charlie Higson – Young James Bond : Silverfin* (12)

Chris Morpew – The Phoenix Files* (12)
Eoin Colfer – Artemis Fowl*(12)
Gary Paulsen – Hachet
Gillian Cross – The Demonheadmaster * (11)
Joe Craig – Jimmy Coates: Killer* (13)
M.G. Harris – The Joshua Files* (13)
Malorie Blackman - Noughts and Crosses (15)
Mark Walden – H.I.V.E* (12)
Michael Grant – Gone* (12)
Michael Muchamore – Book 1 – The Recruit (Cherub books)* (12)
Scott Westerfeld – Uglies (14)
Siobhan Dowd – London Eye Mystery(12)
Sophie McKensie – The Medusa Project* (12)

Mystery

Agatha Christie – Various (12)
Ally Carter – The Gallagher Girls (12)*
Anne Cassidy – Looking for JJ (14)
Chris Riddell and Paul Stewart – The Edge Chronicles*(13)
Christopher Paolini – Eragon (14)
Cornelia Funke – Dragon Rider (13)
Derek Landy – Skullduggery Pleasant* (12)

Fantasy

G.P. Taylor - Shadowmancer (13)
Gareth Nix – Old Kingdom Series, start with Sabriel (13)

Garth Nix – Mister Monday*(12)

Helen Grant – The Vanishing of Katharina Linden (14)

J.K. Rowling – Harry Potter*(12)

J.R.R. Tolkien – The Hobbit / Lord of the Rings (12)

Jenny Nimmo – Midnight for Charlie Bone from the Red King series (13)

Joseph Delaney – The Spook’s Apprentice series (12)

Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl – Beautiful Creatures* (14)

Kevin Brooks – Lucas (14)

L.J. Smith – The Secret Circle* (14)

L.J. Smith – Vampire Diaries* (14)

Marcus Sedgewick – My Swordhand is Singing / The Book of Dead days (13)

Michelle Paver – Wolf Brother from the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness (12)

Neil Gaiman, The Graveyard Book (12)

Peter Dickinson – The Ropemaker

Phillip Pullman – The Northern Lights *(13)

Rick Riordan – Heroes of Olympus (12)

Rick Riordan – Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* (12)

Robert Swindell – Abomination / The Shades of Hettie Daynes (12)

Sarah Wray – The Trap (13)

Sophie Mckensie – Girl, missing* (14)

Stephanie Meyer –Twilight*

Tanya Landman – Poppy Field’s Murder Myster *

Ally Kennan - Beast / Bedlam (15)

Charlie Higson – The Enemy (14)

Daren Shan – Zom-B (14)

Darren Shan – Lord Loss (13/14)

Darren Shan – Vampire Blood Trilogy, start with Cirque Du Freak (12)

Ian Livingstone – Caverns of the Snow Witch and other titles (14)

M.D Spenser – The Animal Nightmare (12)

R. L Stine - The Goosebumps series (11)

Robert Westall - The Scarecrows (13)

Stephen Cole – The Wereling series, start with Wounded (14)

Science Fiction

Allison Allen-Gray – Unique(13)

Ann Halam – Dr Franklin’s Island (13)

Douglas Adams - Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy (13)

George Orwell – 1984 (14)

Julie Bertagna– Exodus*(14)

Morton Rue - The Wave (15)

Patrick Ness – The Knife of Never Letting Go*(14)

Phillip Reeve – Mortal Engines*

Robert Swindells – Hydra (11)

Saci Lloyd – Carbon diaries*(14)

Suzanne Collins – Hunger Games* (13)

William Nicholson - Wind on Fire* (13)

Horror

Historical

Breslin Theresa - Prisoner of the Inquisition (15)

John Boyce - The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (11)

Lian Hearn – Across the Nightingale Floor (14)

Marcus Sedgwick – The Foreshadowing, Revolver (14)

Markus Zusak – The Book Thief (14)

Michael Murpogo – Out of the Ashes (13)

Michael Murpogo – Private Peaceful, War Horse (12)

Morris Glietzman - Once, Then, Now (11)

Rosoff, Meg - The Bride's Farewell (14)

Rutya Seepya – Between shades of grey (14)

Sally Gardner – The Red Necklace (13)

Jeff Kinney - Diary of a Wimpy Kid (11)

Morris Gleitzman – Puppy Fat (11)

Paul Jennings – Unbelievable! (Short stories) (11)

Sue Townsend – The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole (13)

Terry Pratchett - The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents (13)

Family / Real-life

Annabel Pitcher - My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece (14)

Anne Fine - Goggle-eyes (13)

Keith Grey - Ostrich Boys (12)

Morris Gleitzman – Two Weeks with the Queen (11)

Patrick Ness – A Monster Calls (13)

Robert Swindell- Stone Cold (13)

Comedy

Cressida Cowell – How to train your dragon (11)

Dave Pilkey – Captain Underpants* (11)

David Walliams – Gangsta Granny, Ratburger, Mr Stink, Billionaire Boy (12)

Frank Cottrell Boyce –Millions (12)