**Recommended Reading Lists**

**Recommended Reads for Years 9, 10 and 11**

**Action, Mysteries, Horror & Thrillers**

***Famous Last Words***or ***Bad Girls Don’t Die*** by Alender

***Bodyguard: Hostage***(& sequels) by Chris Bradford\*

***Dead Time***(& sequels), ***Getting Away With It*** or ***The Bone Room*** by Anne Cassidy\*

***And Then There Were None***by Agatha Christie

***Say Her Name*** by Juno Dawson

***Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks****,****The Everest Files****or****Lie, Kill, Walk Away***by Matt Dickinson\*

***A Gathering Light*** by Jennifer Donnelly

***Zero Day*** by Jan Gangsei

***The Enemy***(& sequels) by Charlie Higson\*

***House of Silk, Moriarty***, ***Magpie Murders*** byHorowitz

***A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder*** by Holly Jackson

***Sawbones*** or ***Blade & Bone*** by Catherine Johnson

***The Long Weekend*** by Savita Kalhan

***Carrie*** or ***It*** by Stephen King

***We Were Liars*** by E Lockhart

***Here We Lie****,****Sweetfreak, Blood Ties****or****Girl Missing***(& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie

***#Murdertrending*** by Gretchen McNeil\*

***One of Us is Lying*, *One of Us Is Next***or***Two Can Keep a Secret***by Karen McManus

***I am Still Alive*** by Kate Marshall

***Blame* or*Itch****(& sequels)*by Simon Mayo

***The Recruit (Cherub)***, **The Escape (Henderson’s Boys)** or **Rock War** (& sequels) by R Muchamore\*

***Foul Play*** (& sequels) or ***Ghost Stadium*** by T Palmer\*

***Daniel X*** or ***Confessions of Murder***by J. Patterson\*

***13 Minutes*** by Sarah Pinborough

***Remade****or****TimeRiders***(& sequels) by Alex Scarrow\*

**Autobiographies/Memoirs/Biographies**

***Tuesdays With Morrie***by Mitch Album

***I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings***by M. Angelou

***A Street Cat Named Bob\****by James Bowen

***Playing the Enemy*** by John Carlin

***In Cold Blood*** by Truman Capote

***Nothing to Envy***(North Korea) by B Demick

***Hope in a Ballet Shoe*** byMichaela & Elaine DePrince

***Wave: Life After the Tsunami***by S. Deraniyagala

***One Dog at a Time*** (& sequels) by Pen Farthing

***Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII*** by multiple YA writers (fictionalised biography)

***Diary of a Young Girl***by Anne Frank

***Marley & Me***by John Grogan\*

***Mud, Sweat and Tears***by Bear Grylls\*

***Fever Pitch*** by Nick Hornby

***The Story of My Life*** by Helen Keller

***Finding Gobi***by Dion Leonard\*

***Today Everything Changes***by Andy McNab\*

***Chinese Cinderella*** by Adeline Yen Mah

***Long Walk to Freedom*** by Nelson Mandela

***A History of the World in 21 Women*** - Jenni Murray

***The Greatest: Muhammed Ali*** by WD Myers\*

***Dreams From My Father*** by Barack Obama

***Becoming***by Michelle Obama

***Persepolis***by Marjane Satrapi (graphic novel)\*

***Touching the Void*** by Joe Simpson\*

***Brown Girl Dreaming*** by Jacqueline Woodson\*

***Black Boy: A Record of Youth & Childhood***-R Wright

***I am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai

**Classics & Modern Literature**

***Things Fall Apart***by Chinua Achebe

***Purple Hibiscus*** by Chimamanda Adichie

***Pride and Prejudice*** or ***Emma*** by Jane Austen

***Fahrenheight 451*** by Ray Bradbury

***Jane Eyre*** by Charlotte Bronte

***Wuthering Heights*** by Emily Bronte

***Great Expectations****or****Oliver Twist***by C Dickens

***Sherlock Holmes***by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

***The Great Gatsby*** by FS Fitzgerald

***Lord of the Flies***by William Golding

***Not Without Laughter*** by Langston Hughes

***Brave New World*** by Alex Huxley

***Never Let Me Go*** by Kazuo Ishiguro

***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee

***Cider With Rosie***by Laurie Lee

***The Road***by Cormac McCarthy

***Rebecca*** by Daphne du Maurier

***The Bluest Eye***or***Beloved***by Toni Morrison

***1984***or***Animal Farm*** by George Orwell

***The Catcher in the Rye*** by JD Salinger

***Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelly

***Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*** by RL Stevenson

***Dracula*** by Bram Stoker

***The Adventures of Huck Finn*** by Mark Twain

***The Color Purple*** by Alice Walker

**Complex/Difficult/Thought-provoking Issues**

***Change is Gonna Come***by various BAME authors

***Poet X***by Elizabeth Acevedo\*

***Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda***by B Albertalli\*

***Booked, Rebound***or ***Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander\*

***The Hypnotist***by Laurence Anholt

***Thirteen Reasons Why***by Jay Asher

***Black Flamingo*** by Dean Atta\*

***Noughts & Crosses***or***Boys Don’t Cry*** by M Blackman\*

***Tiger Eyes***or anything by Judy Blume\*

***Am I Normal Yet?*** (Spinster Club series) by H. Bourne

***The Heart’s Invisible Furies*** by John Boyne

***The Bunker Diary****or****See Through Me***by KBrooks\*

***Hate List*** by Jennifer Brown

***Junk****or****The Hit***by Melvin Burgess

***Looking for JJ*** or ***No Virgin/No Shame*** by Anne Cassidy

***The Perks of Being a Wallflower***by S. Chbosky

***Stolen***by Lucy Christopher

***The Chocolate War*** by Robert Cormier

***Toffee, One***or***The Weight of Water*** by S Crossan\*

***A Swift Pure Cry***or***Solace of the Road*** by S. Dowd

***Furious Thing***or ***Before I Die***by JennyDownam

***Out of My Mind***by Sharon Draper

***Heroic, Being Billy***or***Saving Daisy***by Phil Earle\*

***Mockingbird***or ***Seeing Red*** by Kathryn Erskine

***The Universe versus Alex Woods***by G. Extence

***If I Stay* & *Where She Went*** by Gayle Forman

***Full Disclosure*** by Camryn Garrett

***Homegoing*** by Yaa Gyasi

***The Curious Incident of the Dog…***by Mark Haddon

***After the Fire*** by Will Hill

***The Outsiders*** by SE Hinton\*

***That Asian Kid*** by Savita Kalhan

***Pigeon English*** by Stephen Kelman

***That’s Not What Happened*** by Kody Keplinger

***I am Thunder*** or ***Kick the Moon*** by Muhammed Khan

***The Secret Life of Bees*** or ***Invention of Wings*** by Kidd

***Rose, Interrupted*** or ***Orangeboy***by Patrice Lawrence

***Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark*** by Anthony McGowan\*

***The Sky is Everywhere*** or ***I’ll Give You..***by J Nelson

***Things a Bright Girl Can Do, An Island of our Own***or ***Ways to Live Forever*** bySally Nicholls

***We Are All Made of Molecules, Word Nerd***or***No Fixed Address*** by Susin Nielson

***All the Bright Places***& ***Holding Up Universe*** by Niven

***Before I Fall****or****Vanishing Girls***by Lauren Oliver

***My Sister’s Keeper***or***Small Great Things*** by J Picoult

***Ketchup Clouds***by Annabel Pitcher

***The Harder They Fall***or***Stay a Little Longer; (Un)arranged Marriage***or***Killing Honour***by Bali Rai\*

***Gloves Off***or ***Black Heart Blue*** by Louisa Reid\*

***Long Way Down*** or***Ghost*** by Jason Reynolds\*

***Extraordinary Means or Severed Heads, Broken Hearts***by Robin Schneider

***The Lovely Bones*** or ***Lucky*** by Alice Sebold

***The Boxer*** or ***Run, Riot*** by Nikesh Shukla

***Counting by 7s*** by Holly Sloan

***The Help***by Kathryn Stockett

***Stone Cold*** by Robert Swindells\*

***Anita and Me*** by Meera Syal

***Lies We Tell Ourselves***by Robin Talley

***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*** by Mildred Taylor

***Somebody Give This Heart a Pen***by Sophia Thakur

***The Hate U Give*** or ***On the Come Up*** by A Thomas\*

***The List*** by Siobhan Vivian

***It’s Kind of a Funny Story*** by Ned Vizzini

***My Name is Leon*** by Kit de Waal

***Can You See Me?*** by L Scott & R Westcott

***Liccle Bit*** (& sequels) by Alex Wheatle

***The Art of Being Normal*** by Lara Williamson

***Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*** by J Winterson

***Frankly in Love*** by David Yoon

***Teacher’s Dead, Face****or****Terror Kid*** by B. Zephaniah

**Conflict, War, Genocide & the Refugee Experience**

***A Country to Call Home: Anthology of Young Refugees & Asylum Seekers***ed. by Lucy Popescu

***Illegal***by Eoin Colfer (graphic novel)\*

***All The Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr

***Birdsong*** by Sebastian Faulks

***The Bone Sparrow*** by Zana Fraillion

***Act of Love*** or ***The Trap*** by Alan Gibbons\*

***Bone Talk*** by Candy Gourlay

***The Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah

***The Kite Runner***by Khalid Hosseini

***Orphan, Monster, Spy*** by Matt Killeen

***The Librarian of Auschwitz*** by Antonio Iturbe

***The Beekeeper of Aleppo*** by Christy Lefteri

***Dog Tags: Semper Fido*** or ***Strays*** by CA London\*

***The Tattooist of Auschwitz*** by Heather Morris

***Fallen Angels***or***Sunrise over Fallujah*** by WD Myers\*

***A Long Walk to Water*** by Linda Sue Park\*

***All Quiet on the Western Front*** by EM Remarque

***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys

***Maus***by Art Spiegelman (graphic novel)\*

***Milkweed*** by Jerry Spinelli

***Night***by Elie Wiesel

***Code Name Verity, Rose Under Fire***by E. Wein

***My Dear I Wanted to Tell You***by Louisa Young

***Refugee Boy*** by Benjamin Zephaniah

***The Book Thief*** by Marcus Zusak

**Dystopian, Science Fiction or Magic Realism**

***Children of Blood and Bone***by Tomi Adeyemi

***The Testaments***or ***The Handmaid’s Tale*** by Atwood

***Ink***(& sequels) by Alice Broadway\*

***iBoy***by Kevin Brooks\*

***World War Z*** by Max Brooks

***The Girl With All the Gifts***byMR Carey

***City of Bones***(& sequels) by Cassandra Clare

***Matched***(& sequels) by Ally Condie

***The Maze Runner*** (& sequels) by J. Dashner

***Stepsister***by Jennifer Donnelly

***Cell 7*** (& sequels) by Kerry Drewery\*

***The Gender Game*** by Bella Forrest

***Gone****or****BZRK***(& sequels) by Michael Grant\*

***The Deathless Girls*** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

***Department 19***(& sequels)by Will Hill

***The Loneliest Girl in the Universe*** by Lauren James

***Maladapted*** by Richard Kurti\*

***I Am Number Four*** (& sequels) by Pittacus Lore\*

***Legend***(& sequels) by Marie Lu\*

***The Passengers*** by John Marrs\*

***Circe*** or ***Song of Achilles*** by Madeline Miller

***The Knife of Never Letting Go***(& sequels) by P Ness

***MetaWars: Fight for Future*** (&s equels) by J. Norton\*

***Z For Zachariah*** by Robert O’Brien

***The Loop*** by Ben Oliver

***Replica***or***Delirium***(& sequels) by Lauren Oliver

***Only Ever Yours*** by Louise O’Neill

***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen\*

***Divergent***(& sequels)by Veronica Roth

***Lord Loss\****or ***Zom-B\**** (& sequels) by D Shan

***Scythe****,****Unwind****or****Dry***(& sequels) by N Shusterman\*

***Concentr8***by William Sutcliffe

***An Ember in the Ashes*** (& sequels) by Sabaa Tahir

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

***Uglies***or ***Zeroes*** (& sequels) by Scott Westerfield

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

**Humorous books**

***The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy***by D Adams

***The Life and Times of The Thunderbolt Kid*** by Bryson

***Swim the Fly*** or ***Call the Shots***by Don Calame

***The Private Blog of Joe Cowley*** by Ben Davis\*

***An Abundance of Katherines*** by John Green\*

***Noah Can’t Even***or ***Alex in Wonderland***by SJ Green\*

***The Reformed Vampire Support Group***by Jinks\*

***Hellbent****or****Henry Tumour***by Anthony McGowan\*

***Don’t Even Think About It***by Sarah Mylnowski

***Discworld***series by T Pratchett (try ***The Last Hero***)

***Good Omens*** by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman

***A Midsummer Tights Dream*** or ***Georgia Nicholson*** series by Louise Rennison

***The Rosie Project*** (& sequel) by Graeme Simsion

***The Gifted, The Talented and Me*** by W Sutcliffe

***The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole***by SueTownsend

**Relationships**

***Beautiful Broken Things***by Sara Barnard

***Three Daughters*** by Consuelo Saah Baehr

***Tender Earth*** by Sita Brahmachari

***Fault in Our Stars***or ***Looking for Alaska*** by J Green\*

***Why We Broke* *Up*** by Daniel Handler\*

***To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before*** (& sequels) by J Han

***Slammed***or ***Regretting You*** by Colleen Hoover

***Hold Back the Stars*** by Katie Khan

***Falling Fast*** (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie

***One Day*** by David Nicholls

***Eleanor and Park****&****Fangirl***by Rainbow Rowell

***Written in the Stars*** by Aisha Saeed

***The Art of Racing in the Rain*** by Garth Stein\*

***Shiver*or *The Raven Boys*** (& sequels) by M. Stiefvater

***Our Chemical Hearts*** by Krystal Sutherland

***Paper Avalanche*** by Lisa Williamson

***If You Come Softly*** by Jacqueline Woodson

***Everything, Everything*** &***Sun is Also a Star*** by Yoon\*

***Girl Online*** (& sequels) by Zoe Sugg\*

***\* = top picks for reluctant readers or readers who prefer visual/less dense texts. Includes some dyslexia friendly titles; quick-paced reads of longer books; verse novels; and graphic novels.***

***Note to parents: Many of these books are written for young adult readers (13+) or adults; this means there may be ‘gritty’ content. Generally by Key Stage 4 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews.***

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