

## English Department

### Recommended Reads

\* = Content is slightly more mature

\_\_ = Teacher Recommendations

#### Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

- ***The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Brocket*** by John Boyne
- ***Bodyguard*** or ***The Soul Hunters*** (& sequels) -C Bradford
- ***Mortal Chaos*** or ***Lie, Kill, Walk Away*** by M Dickinson \*
- ***The London Eye Mystery*** by Siobhan Dowd
- ***Boy Overboard*** by Morris Gleitzman
- ***The Lie Tree*** by France Hardinge
- ***Hide and Seeker*** by Daka Hermon
- ***Murder in Midwinter*** by Fleur Hitchcock
- ***High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop*** by Sharna Jackson
- ***I Have No Secrets*** by Penny Joelson
- ***The Long Weekend*** by Savita Kalhan
- ***Don't Doubt the Rainbow*** by Anthony Kessel
- ***Eight Pieces of Silva/Splinters of Sunshine***-Lawrence\*
- ***Where the World Ends*** by Geraldine McCaughrean\*
- ***Hide & Secrets*** or ***Girl Missing*** (& sequels) by S McKenzie
- ***Edge of Extinction*** by Laura Martin
- ***The Recruit*** or ***Robin Hood*** (& sequels) - R Muchamore\*
- ***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen
- ***Ruby in the Smoke*** by Phillip Pullman
- ***Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper*** or ***The Explorer*** by K Rundell
- ***Murder Most Unladylike*** (& sequels) by Robin Stevens

- ***Girl. Boy. Sea*** by Chris Vick\*
- ***The Extinction Trials*** or ***The Infinity Files*** by SM Wilson\*

#### Animal Fiction

- ***The One and Only Ivan*** by K Applegate (gorillas)
- ***The Shark Caller*** by Zillah Bethell (sharks)
- ***Fenway and Hattie*** by Victoria Cole (dogs)
- ***The Last Bear*** by Hannah Gold (polar bear)
- ***A Street Dog Named Pup*** by Gill Lewis (dogs)
- ***War Horse*** by Michael Morpurgo (horses)
- ***A Wolf Called Wander*** by Rosanne Parry (wolves)
- ***Pax*** by Sarah Pennypacker (foxes)
- ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls (dogs)
- ***Cat Tales: True Stories of Fantastic Felines***- P Rich (cats)
- ***Varjak Paw*** by SF Said (cats)
- ***I, Cosmo*** by Carlie Sorosiak (dogs)
- ***Dreaming the Bear*** by Mimi Thebo (grizzly bears)
- ***The Dog Who Saved the World*** by Ross Welford (dogs)

#### Environment & Climate Change

- ***Where the River Runs Gold*** by Sita Brahmachari
- ***World Burn Down*** by Steve Cole
- ***Breathe*** by Sarah Crossan
- ***Melt*** by Ele Fountain
- ***Squirm, Flush, Chomp*** or ***Hoot*** by Carl Hiaasen
- ***FloodWorld & DustRoad*** by Tom Huddleston
- ***Song of the Dolphin Boy*** by Elizabeth Laird
- ***Moon Bear*** or ***White Dolphin*** by Gill Lewis
- ***The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea*** - B Macdibble

- ***Between Sea and Sky & World Turns Wild***  
by N Penfeld
- ***Here in the Real World*** by Sarah Pennypacker
- ***Dry*** by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman
- ***The Summer We Turned Green*** by William Sutcliffe
- ***No One is Too Small to Make a Difference***– G Thunberg
- ***Harklights*** by Tim Tilley
- ***The Last Wild*** (& sequels) by Piers Torday

## Dystopian & Science Fiction

- ***The Infinite*** (& sequels) by Patience Agbabi
- ***The Middler*** or ***Troofriend*** by Kirsty Applebaum
- ***The Last Human*** by Lee Bacon
- ***Ink*** by Alice Broadway\*
- ***City of Rust*** by Gemma Fowler
- ***Gone*** or ***BRZK*** (& sequels) -Michael Grant\*
- ***How I Saved the World in a Week*** by Polly Ho-Yen
- ***Nowhere on Earth*** by Nick Lake\*
- ***The Giver*** and ***Gathering Blue*** by Lois Lowry\*
- ***The Supreme Lie*** by Geraldine McCaughrean
- ***Show Us Who You Are*** by Elle McNicholl
- ***No Man's Land*** by Joanna Nadin
- ***The Knife of Never Letting Go*** (& sequels)- P Ness \*
- ***Jelly*** by Clare Rees
- ***Railhead & Mortal Engines*** (& sequels)-P Reeve
- ***Scythe, Unwind*** (& sequels) – N Shusterman \*
- ***Scavengers*** by Darren Simpson
- ***Destination Earth*** by Ali Sparkes
- ***Contagion*** or ***Slated*** (& sequels) by Teri Terry\*
- ***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
- ***Six of Crows*** by Leigh Bardugo\*
- ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** by Kelly Barnhill
- ***Asha & The Spirit Bird*** by Jasbinder Bilan
- ***The Twisted Tree*** by Rachel Burge
- ***Artemis Fowl*** (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer
- ***Pet*** by Akwaeke Emezi\*
- ***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
- ***Rumaysa: A Fairytale*** by Radiya Hafiza
- ***Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure*** by Vashti Hardy
- ***Girl of Ink and Stars*** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- ***The Woman in Black*** by Susan Hill
- ***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 (SR)
- ***Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*** –Riggs
- ***Hold Back the Tide*** by Melinda Salisbury \*
- ***Alcatraz & Evil Librarians*** (& sequels) by B Sanderson
- ***Zom-B*** or ***Cirque du Freak*** (& sequels) by D. Shan
- ***Thirteen Chairs*** by Dave Shelton
- ***Oh My Gods*** by Alexandra Sheppard

- ***Black Panther the Young Prince*** by Roland L Smith
- ***Fear Street*** by RL Stine
- ***The Edge Chronicles*** by P Stewart and C Riddell
- ***Children of the Quicksands*** by Efuia Traore

## Graphic Novels (GN), Short Stories (SS), Verse Novels (VN), Super-Readables (SR)

- ***Booked, Crossover, Rebound*** Kwame Alexander (VN)
- ***Gamer*** (& sequels) by Chris Bradford (SR)
- ***El Deafo*** by Cece Bell (GN)
- ***Jon for Short*** by Malorie Blackman (SR)
- ***Everything All at Once*** by Steven Camden (VN)
- ***Worst Case Collin*** by Rebecca Caprara (VN)
- ***The Girl Who Became a Tree*** by Joseph Coelho (VN)
- ***Mind Writer*** by Steve Cole (SR)
- ***New Kid*** or ***Class Act*** by Jerry Craft (GN)
- ***Grave Matter*** by Juno Dawson (SR)
- ***Stat Man*** by Alan Durant (SR)
- ***Edgar & Adolf*** by Phil Earle & Michael Wagg (SR)
- ***Flying Lessons & Other Stories*** ed by Ellen Oh (SS)
- ***Coraline: Graphic Novel*** by Neil Gaiman & C Russell (GN)
- ***The Greatest (Muhammed Ali)*** by Alan Gibbons (SR)
- ***Amazons, Abolitionists and Activitists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Rights*** -Mikki Kendall (GN)
- ***Amulet: The Stonekeeper*** by Kazu Kibuishi (GN)
- ***Rat*** by Patrice Lawrence (SR)
- ***In the Key of the Code*** by Aimee Lucido (VN)
- ***I am Minotaur*** by Anthony McGowan (SR)
- ***Run Rebel*** by Manjeet Mann (VN)\*

- ***145<sup>th</sup> Street: Short Stories*** by Walter Dean Myers
- ***White Bird*** by RJ Palacio (GN)
- ***Unboxed*** by Non Pratt
- ***Miles Morales: Spider Man*** by Jason Reynolds (GN)
- ***Look Both Ways*** by Jason Reynolds (SS)
- ***Pumpkin Heads*** by Rainbow Rowell (GN)
- ***Dark Peak*** by Marcus Sedgwick (SR)
- ***Operation Frog Effect*** by Sara Scheerger
- ***Maus*** by Art Spiegelman (GN) \*
- ***The Secret Keepers*** by Trenton Lee Stewart
- ***Dracula*** by Bram Stoker retold by Burgan & Ruiz (GN)
- ***The Small Things*** by Lisa Thompson (SR)
- ***Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure)*** - Tracey Turner (SR)
- ***Stargazing*** by Jen Wang (GN)

## Humorous books

- ***Little Badman*** - Humza Arshad
- ***Noah's Gold, Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy*** –FC Boyce
- ***The Last Kids on Earth*** (& sequels) by Max Brallier
- ***Chinglish*** by Sue Cheung \*
- ***Adventures of a Wimpy Superhero***(&more)-T.Collins
- ***The 13-Storey Treehouse*** (& series) by A Griffiths
- ***How to Survive Without Grownups*** by Larry Hayes
- ***Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy...*** by Konnie Huq
- ***Disaster Diaries: Zombies*** (&sequels)-R McGeddon
- ***The Accidental Series*** by Tom McLaughlin
- ***The World of Norm*** series by Jonathon Meres
- ***Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar*** by Zanib Mian
- ***Timmy Failure*** series by Stephan Pastis

- *Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*—Pearson
- *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* by Helen Rutter
- *Something I Said* by Ben Bailey Smith
- *Big Nate* series by Lincoln Peirce
- *The Day the Screens Went Blank* by Danny Wallace

## The Immigrant Experience &

### Refugees

- *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- *No Ballet Shoes in Syria* by Catherine Bruton
- *Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros
- *Illegal* by Eoin Colfer (GN)
- *Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow* by Siobhan Curham
- *Boy, Everywhere* by A.M. Dassu
- *Boy 87* by Ele Fountain
- *The Island* by Armin Greder (PB for older readers)
- *The Eleventh Trade* by Alyssa Hollingsworth
- *Pigeon English* by Stephan Kelman \*
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan
- *When Stars Are Scattered* by Jamieson & Mohamed (GN)
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai (VN)
- *The Crossing* by Manjeet Mann\* (VN)
- *A Glasshouse of Stars* by Shirley Marr
- *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
- *The Red Pencil* by Andrea David Pinkney
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan (PB for older readers)
- *Other Words For Home* by Jasmine Warga
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- *The Windrush Child* or *Refugee Boy\**- Benjamin Zephaniah

## Relationships & Tough Situations

- *Cyborg Cat* (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan\*
- *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta \*
- *Boy Underwater* by Adam Baron
- *The Island* by M.A Bennett \*
- *Noughts and Crosses* M Blackman \*
- *Pig-Heart Boy* - M Blackman \*
- *Artichoke Hearts* or *Jasmine Skies* -S. Brahmachari
- *A Pocketful of Stars* by Aisha Bushby
- *One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee* -S Crossan\*
- *Heartbeat* by Sharon Creech
- *Iqbal* by Francesco D'Adamo \*
- *Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow* by B Dean
- *Stella By Starlight* or *Blended* by Sharon Draper
- *The Boy Who Steals Houses* by C.G. Drews
- *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 Perfect Parent Project* by S Foster
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *When Life Gives You Mangoes* by Kereen Getten
- *George* or *Rick* by Alex Gino
- *Tall Story* or *Shine* by Candy Gourlay
- *Alex in Wonderland* by Simon James Green\*
- *The Island at the End of Everything* by KM Hargrave

- ***After the Fire*** by Will Hill\*
- ***Boy in the Tower*** by Polly Ho-Yen
- ***A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*** by Holly Jackson\*
- ***That Asian Kid*** by Savita Kalhan\*
- ***Red Sky in the Morning*** or ***Secret Friends*** - E Laird
- ***Scarlet Ibis, Swan Song, or Eagle Warrior*** - G Lewis
- ***Rain Reign*** by Ann M Martin
- ***Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark*** by Anthony McGowan\*
- ***A Kind of Spark*** by Elle McNicholl
- ***A Monster Calls*** by Patrick Ness
- ***No Fixed Address*** or ***Word Nerd*** – Susin Nielsen\*
- ***Wonder*** or ***Pony*** by R.J. Palacio
- ***Pax*** or ***Here in the Real World*** - S Pennypacker
- ***A Good Kind of Trouble*** by Lisa Moore Ramee
- ***The Star Outside My Window*** by Onjali Rauf
- ***Long Way Down*** (VN or GN) by Jason Reynolds \*
- ***Black Brother, Black Brother*** Jewell P Rhodes
- ***Patron Saint of Nothing*** by Randy Ribay
- ***Can You See Me*** or ***Do You Know Me***– Scott & Westcott
- ***The Marvels*** or ***Wonderstruck*** by Brian Selznick
- ***The Boxer*** by Nikesh Shukla\*
- ***928 Miles from home*** by Kim Slater
- ***Counting by 7's*** by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- ***Stargirl*** by Jerry Spinelli \*
- ***Clean Getaway*** or ***Fast Pitch*** by Nic Stone
- ***Lies We Tell Ourselves*** by Robin Talley \*
- ***On the Come Up*** by Angie Thomas\*
- ***Abomination*** by Robert Swindells
- ***Stone Cold*** by Robert Swindells \*
- ***Goldfish Boy*** by Lisa Thompson
- ***The 1000 Year Old Boy*** or ***Time/Hamster*** - Ross Welford

- ***Straight Outta Congton*** by Alex Wheatle \*
- ***A Boy Called Hope*** or ***Ocean/Armchair*** or ***Paper Avalanche***- by L Williamson
- ***Brown Girl Dreaming*** or ***Harbor Me*** - J Woodson\*
- ***Face*** by Benjamin Zephaniah\*

## Sports

- ***Booked, Crossover or Rebound*** – K. Alexander\*
- ***Unstoppable or Man of the Match*** - Dan Freedman
- ***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
- ***Becoming Muhammed Ali*** by J Patterson & K Alexander
- ***Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series), Rani and Sukh \****, ***Unarranged Marriage*** by Bali Rai
- ***Gloves Off*** by Louisa Reid\*
- ***Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu*** (Track series) by J Reynolds
- ***Macbeth United: A Football Tragedy*** by Michael Rosen
- ***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

- ***Summerland*** by Lucy Adlington
- ***Soldier Dog*** or ***A Horse Called Hero*** - Sam Angus
- ***Unbound*** by Anne Burg\*(VN)

- ***The Short Knife*** by Elen Caldecott\*
- ***Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven*** -Dowswell
- ***Copper Sun*** by Sharon Draper\*
- ***The Last Paper Crane*** by Kerry Drewery
- ***When the Sky Falls*** by Phil Earle (WWII)
- ***Under a War-Torn Sky* or *Suspect Red*** y L.M. Elliott
- ***Once*** (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman
- ***Bone Talk*** by Candy Gourlay
- ***Grenade, Ground Zero* or *Prisoner B-3087*** - Alan Gratz\*
- ***The Goose Road*** by Rowena House
- ***Race to the Frozen North, 1783, Blade and Bones* or *Sawbones*** by Catherine Johnson
- ***When the World Was Ours*** by Liz Kessler\*
- ***Orphan Monster Spy*** by Matt Killeen\*
- ***Crusade*** by Elizabeth Laird
- ***Buffalo Soldier, Apache* or *Lightning Strike***- T Landman\*
- ***Dog Tags: Semper Fido* or *Strays*** by C A London\*
- ***Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story*** by P Lawrence
- ***The Skylarks' War* or *The Swallows' Flight***- H McKay
- ***Red Stars*** by Davide Morosinotto\*
- ***Shadow* or *In the Mouth of the Wolf*** - Morpurgo
- ***Sunrise Over Fallujah*** by Walter Dean Myers\*
- ***Burn My Heart*** by Beverley Naidoo
- ***Things a Bright Girl Can*** by Sally Nicholls
- ***After the War, Armistice Runner* or *Over/Line***-T Palmer
- ***Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story* or *The Royal Rebel: The Life of Suffragette Princess Sophia Singh*** by Bali Rai
- ***Salt to the Sea* or *Fountains of Silence*** by R Sepetys \*
- ***Eagle of the Ninth*** by Rosemary Sutcliffe
- ***The Land* or *Roll of Thunder*** by Mildred D Taylor\*

- ***Cane Warriors*** by Alex Wheatle\*
- ***The Dictionary of Lost Words*** by Pip Williams \*
- ***Echo Mountain*** by Lauren Wolk
- ***The Book Thief*** by Marcus Zusak\*

## Non-Fiction

- ***The Secret Footballer*** by Anonymous
- ***Notes from a Small Island, Shakespeare*** by Bill Bryson
- ***A Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank
- ***Race to the Frozen North*** by Matthew Henson
- ***I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*** by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb
- ***Dreams from my Father*** by Barack Obama
- ***Becoming*** by Michelle Obama
- ***Ultimate Football Heroes*** by Matt and Tom Oldfield
- ***On fire; my Story OF England's Summer to Remember*** by Ben Stokes

## Classics

- ***Little Women*** by Louise May Alcott
- ***Emma, Pride and Prejudice*** by Jane Austen
- ***Jane Eyre*** by Charlotte Bronte
- ***The Secret Garden*** by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- ***Oliver Twist, David Copperfield*** by Charles Dickens
- ***Lord of the Flies*** by William Golding
- ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee\*
- ***Animal Farm, 1984*** by George Orwell
- ***Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelley
- ***The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Treasure Island*** by Robert Louis Stevenson
- ***Dracula*** by Bram Stoker