



AVANTI FIELDS SCHOOL

English Department Recommended Reads

* = Content is slightly more mature

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Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

- *The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Rooker* 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
- *A Good Girls Guide to Murder* (series) by Holly Jackson
- *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
- *One of Us is Lying* (series) by Karen McManus

- *Edge of Extinction* by Laura Martin
- *Cherub* (series) - 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
- ***Cinderella is Dead*** by Kalynn Bayon *
- ***Asha & The Spirit Bird*** by Jasbinder Bilan
- ***The Twisted Tree*** by Rachel Burge
- ***Shadowhunter*** (series) by Cassandra Clare
- ***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
- ***Loki: Where Mischief Lies*** by Mackenzie Lee
- ***Eragon*** (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini
- ***Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher*** –Chris Priestley
- ***Northern Lights*** (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman *
- ***His Dark Materials*** 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 Efua 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 Activists: 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)*
- ***145th 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
- ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** by Stephen Chbosky
- ***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
- ***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*
- ***Heartstopper*** * (series) by Alice Olsesan
- ***Wonder*** or ***Pony*** by R.J. Palacio
- ***Pax*** or ***Here in the Real World*** - S Pennypacker
- ***All the Things we Never Said*** * by Yasmin Rahman
- ***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 Cronqton*** 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