



AVANTI FIELDS SCHOOL



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
- ***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

- ***Contagion* or *Slated*** (& sequels) by Teri Terry*
- ***The Kid Who Came From Space*** by Ross Welford
- ***The 5th Wave*** (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

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

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

- ***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)

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)

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

- ***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

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

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*

- **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*

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

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