



Sherburn High School



The STAR
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

“Achievement for All”

Year 7 & 8 Recommended Reading List

This list is not exhaustive but is a selection of good quality titles that will inspire, inform and generate empathy.

Action, Adventure, Mystery and Thriller

A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman *
Storm Catchers by Tim Bowler
The pearl In The Ice by Cathryn Constable
The Boy Who Hit Play by Chloe Daykin
Mortal Chaos by Matt Dickinson
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Whiteout by Dylan Gabriel
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock
Unhooking The Moon by Gregory Hughes
A Company Of Swans by Eva Ibbotson
High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson
Race To The Frozen North by Catherine Johnson *
Young Sherlock Series by Andrew Lane
Run Wild by Gill Lewis *
Itch Series by Simon Mayo
Girl Missing & Sequels by Sophie McKenzie
Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
The Recruit (Cherub) by Robert Muchamore
Upside Down In The Jungle by Helen Phillips
Nation by Terry Pratchett
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundall
Holes by Louis Sacher
The Stolen by Alex Shearer
Murder Most Unladylike Series by Robin Stevens
Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick
The Extinction Trials by S. M. Wilson

Dystopian and Science Fiction

Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy by Douglas Adams
The Last Human by Lee Bacon
Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman *
Mind Writer by Steve Cole *
The Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins
Sputnik's Guide To Life On Earth by F. Cottrell Boyce
Virus by Tommy Donbavand *
Gone Series by Michael Grant
Nowhere On Earth by Nick Lake
The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble
The Declaration Trilogy by Gemma Malley
The Knife Of Never Letting Go Series by Patrick Ness
Railhead/Mortal Engines & Sequels by Philip Reeve
Scythe Trilogy by Neil Shusterman
Destination Earth by Ali Sparkes
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Contagion/Slated & Sequels by Teri Terry

Fantasy, Magical Realism, Horror and Ghost

The House With Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson
Senseless by Steve Cole *
Artemis Fowl / The Wish List by Eoin Colfer
Who Let The Gods Out Series by Maz Evans
The Ghost Box by Catherine Fisher *
Ranger's Apprentice by John A Flanagan
Jet Black Heart by Teresa Flavin *
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Mountwood School For Ghosts by Tony Ibbotson
Skulduggery Pleasant Series by Derek Landy
Ghost Stadium by Tom Palmer *
Tales Of Terror/Mister Creecher by Chris Priestley
Northern Lights Trilogy by Philip Pullman
Goth Girl Series by Chris Riddell
Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children by R Riggs
Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan
Harry Potter Series by J K Rowling
Zom-B/Cirque Du Freak Series by Darren Shan
Wings Of Fire Series by Tui T Sutherland

Humour

Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole
Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce
Let's Do It by Catherine Forde *
The 13-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
Diary Of An Un-Teenager by Pete Johnson *
The Accidental Rock Star Series by Tom McLaughlin
The World Of Norm Series by Jonathan Meres *
Big Nate Series by Lincoln Peirce *
Tom Gates Series by Liz Pichon *
The Misadventures Of Max Crumbly by Rachel R Russell
Secret Diary Of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾ By Sue Townsend
Beast Of Buckingham Palace or Any by David Walliams *

Sports

Booked, Crossover or Rebound by Kwame Alexander *
Girls Can't Hit by Tom Easton
Kick Off Trilogy or Unstoppable by Dan Freedman *
The Number 7 Shirt by Alan Gibbons *
Kick by Mitch Johnson
The Fastest Boy In The World by Elizabeth Laird
The Fix by Sophie McKenzie *
Football Academy/Foul Play Series by Tom Palmer *
Dream On by Bali Rai *
Lily And The Rockets by Rebecca Stevens

* Super readable for reluctant readers and dyslexia friendly

Relationships and Tough Situations

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
Heaven Eyes by Davis Almond
Massive by Julia Bell
Noughts & Crosses/Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari
Walking Naked by Alyssa Brugman
The Girl Who Became A Tree by Joseph Coelho
The Cupcake Wedding by Gillian Cross *
One, Apple and Rain, Moonrise, Toffee by Sarah Crossan
The Secrets Of Billy Bright by Susie Day
Beverly, Right Here by Kate DiCamillo
Stella By Starlight or Blended by Sharon Draper
Being Billy by Phil Earle
The Many Worlds Of Albie Bright by Chris Edge
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Tulip Touch by Anne Fine
Check Mates or Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster
When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten
George by Alex Gino
Nothing Ever Happens Here by Sarah Hagger-Holt
The Island At The End Of Everything by K M Hargrave
Don't Feed The troll! By John Hickman
Worst. Holiday. Ever. By Charlie Higson
Bus Stop Baby by Fleur Hitchcock
Boy In The Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
A Different Dog by Paul Jennings *
Beast by Ally Kennan
Life On The Refrigerator Door by Alice Kuipers *
Rat by Patrice Lawrence *
The State Of Grace by Rachael Lucas
Wishbones by Virginia McGregor
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen
Wonder by R. J. Palacio
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Silence Is Goldfish by Annabel Pitcher
The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q. Rauf
The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Q. Rauf
Look Both Ways/Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Forever Ends On Friday by Justin Reynolds
Ghost Boys by Jewell P Rhodes
Faceless by Alyssa Scheinmel
Burning Sunlight by Anthea Simmons
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
Drama by Raina Telgemeier
Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
What Not To Do If You Turn Invisible by Ross Welford
Kiss by Jacqueline Wilson
A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
Face by Benjamin Zephaniah

History, War, Conflict and Refugee Experience

The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne
Anzac Boys by Tony Bradman *
The Short Knife by Elen Caldecott
Illegal by Eoin Colfer
Gatty's Tale by Kevin Crossley-Holland
Auslander by Paul Dowsell
Under A War Torn Sky by L. M. Elliott
The Breadwinner and Sequels by Deborah Ellis
Boy 87 by Ele Fountain
The Road Of Bones by Anne Fine
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon
I, Coriander by Sally Gardner
War Girls: Collection Of Short Stories by Adele Geras (Editor)
Street Corner Dad by Alan Gibbons *
Once and Sequels by Morris Gleitzman *
Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay
Allies or Grenade by Alan Gratz
Ring Of Roses by Mary Hooper *
When The World Was Ours by Liz Kessler
Crusade by Elizabeth Laird
Buffalo Soldier or Apache by Tanya Landman
Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story by Patrice Lawrence
Every Falling Star (North Korea) by Sungju Lee
Shadow by Michael Morpurgo
Summer Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers
The Other Side Of Truth by Beverly Naidoo
Until We Win by Linda Newbery *
Armistice runner or Over The Line by Tom Palmer *
A Long Walk To Water by Linda Sue Park
The Boy At The Back Of the Class by Onjali Rauf
Witch Child by Celia Rees
My Name Is Arthur by Philip Reeve
Five Children On The Western Front by Kate Saunders
Blood Red, Snow White by Marcus Sedgwick
Between Shades Of Grey by Ruth Sepetys
Salt To The Sea by Ruth Sepetys
Dan's War by Robert Swindells
The Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzi (Autobiography)
Refugee by Benjamin Zephaniah
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Please be aware that some of the books are written for young adult readers therefore there may be occasional 'challenging and gritty' content. Generally, Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, however, parents know their children best; if you have any queries about suitability, check online reviews or contact myself ann.hannam@shs.starmat.uk or your child's teacher.

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