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Key Stage 3

Recommended Reading List

(Books to really get stuck into)

The Key Stage 3 Reading List has been compiled from recommendations made by staff in all of the school faculties, and range across both fiction and non-fiction. All books in this list are challenging, thought-provoking and carefully chosen to whet your thirst for knowledge.

If you read just one of these recommended books every “big” term, you will have read *at least* twelve truly fantastic books across a broad range of different subjects and themes by the time you start Year 11. (There is another list for Key Stage 4, so you will have many to choose from.)

Do bear in mind that a book can be read in many different ways, depending on its layout, its purpose, and why you are reading it. For example, some non-fiction books can be dipped in and out of, and you may not have to read them all the way through in page order; a book in a language with which you are not familiar can also be read in snippets, where you try to work out what some things say, without necessarily being able to read the whole book, or you could set yourself a challenge of trying to work out how many of the words in one page are adjectives.

Not everyone is comfortable with reading. If reading is not something that you are keen on as yet, there is *still nothing to stop* you from having a look at one of these books, even if you don't read much of it. Can you work out what was so special about this book that one of your teachers recommended it?

Of course, you are most welcome to read the whole lot, and when you finish those, we have added an extension list of books that were also recommended. All of them fantastic and challenging in their own right.

Happy Reading!

Academic Enrichment Programme

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) Reading List

KEY: highlighted = Stock in the Winifred Holtby Academy Library

Business

- *Show me the Money* - Alvin Hall
- *Richard Branson - Doing the Business and Business Stripped Bare*
- *Alan Sugar – What You See Is What You Get*
- *David M Gaberra - Smilers part 1.2 and 3*
- *James Caan - The Real Deal*
- *Graham Sergent - In at the Sharp End*
- *David Kirkpatrick – The Face Book Effect*

Creative Arts and Design

- *What are you looking at? 150 years of Modern Art in the Blink of an Eye* - Will Gompertz
- *The Savage* - David Almond. (Fiction, with an award-winning illustrator. Can you spot the very simple but clever thing that the illustrator does about half way through to show that the characters are merging?)

English

- Harper Lee - *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Ruta Sepetys - *Salt to the Sea*

Humanities

- *The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak (also recommended by the English Faculty)
- *Girl on a Plane* – Miriam Moss
- *The Explorer* – Katherine Rundell
- *Sophie's world: A Novel about the History of Philosophy* – Jostein Gaarder
- *Escaping the Giant Wave* – Peg Kehret
- *No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference* – Greta Thunberg

Maths

- *The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure* - H M Enzensberger
- *It's a Numberful World* – Eddie Woo

MFL

- *Le Petit Nicolas* – René Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempe
- *Copo de Algodón* – María García Esperón and Marcos Almada Rivero

PE

- *Extreme Survival: A Doctor explores the limits of Human Endurance* - Dr Kenneth Kamler

Science

- *Human Universe* - Professor Brian Cox and Andrew Cohen
- *What if? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions* – Randall Munroe

Business

- *Alfie Potts - The schoolboy entrepreneur* – Mark Hibbits
- *The New Totally Awesome Business Book for Kids (and their parents)* – Arthur Bochner
- *Teenpreneur: How to build a business in your teens* – Errol Lawson
- *Better than a lemonade stand! Small business ideas for kids* – Daryl Bernstein
- *Richard Branson - Doing the Business and Business Stripped Bare*
- *Alan Sugar – What You See Is What You Get*
- *David M Gaberra - Smilers part 1.2 and 3*
- *James Caan - The Real Deal*
- *Graham Sergent - In at the Sharp End*
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Art and Design

- *Think Like an Artist* - Will Gompertz (Short art book)
- *Steal like an artist* - Austin Kleon (Good for all subjects. Short book)
- *Fire Colour One* – Jenny Valentine- Art Collection mystery
- *Framed* – Frank Cottrel Boyce- Art Collection mystery

Design and Technology

Engineering

- *Airman - Colfer, Eoin*
- *Bromeliad Trilogy - Pratchett, Terry*
- *Mortal Engines - Reeve, Philip*
- *Code Name Verity - Wein, Elizabeth*
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Food Technology

- *The Secret Cooking Club* – Laurel Remington- Baking club – friendship
- *The Apple Tart of Hope*- Sarah Fitzgerald Moore- Friendship and baking pies.
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*- Roald Dahl –

English

- *Little Women* - Louisa May Alcott
- *Noughts and Crosses series* - Malorie Blackman
- *Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* - Douglas Adams
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* - Lewis Carroll
- *Oliver Twist* - Charles Dickens
- *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* - Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Mockingbird* - Kathryn Erskine
- *Diary of a Young Girl* - Anne Frank
- *The Lie Tree*- Francis Harding

- *The Bone Sparrow* - Zana Fraillion -
- *Coram Boy or Blackberry Blue* - Jamila Gavin
- *Bone Talk* - Candy Gourlay
- *After the Fire* - Will Hill
- *The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels – Chaos Walking trilogy)* - Patrick Ness
- *His Dark Materials series* - Phillip Pullman
- *Mortal Engines or Railhead series* - Phillip Reeve
- *Long Way Down* - Jason Reynolds
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* - Mildred Taylor
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* - Jacqueline Woodson
- *The Giver* - Lois Lowry
- *No Fixed Address* - Susan Nielsen
- *Treasure Island* - RL Stevenson
- *The Lord of the Rings* - JR Tolkein
- *Refugee Boy* - Benjamin Zephaniah
- *The Book Thief* - Marcus Zusak

Dystopia

- *Nobel Conflict – Malorie Blackman*
- *Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury
- *Hunger Games* - Suzanne Collins
- *Maze Runner* James Dashner
- *Gone* - Michael Grant
- *Enemy – Charlie Higson*
- *Brave New World* - Aldous Huxley
- *Knife of Never Leting go – Patrick Ness*
- *More Than This – Patrick Ness*
- *Recruit and The Cherub Series* - Michael Muchamore
- *Abhorsen Chronicles – Garth Nix*
- *1984 – George Orwell*
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Humanities

- *Animal Farm* - George Orwell (also recommended if you're interested in Politics!)
- *Stalingrad* - Anthony Beever,
- *Forgotten Voices* - Max Arthur,
- *101 Philosophical problems – Martin Cohen*
- *The art of thinking clearly – Rolf Dobelli*
- *Earthquake Terror – Peg Kehret*
- *In the Shadow of the Volcano – Caryn Jenner*

Race and Diversity and Prejudice

- *Ghost Boys – Jerome, a black boy is shot by a white police officer, who mistakes his toy gun as a threat.*

- *Lies We Tell Ourselves*- Robin Tally – 1959 Civil Rights –Sarah's first day as one of the first black students at the all -white Jefferson High
- *The Twelfth of July* – Joan Lingard- Belfast Troubles between Protestant & Catholic families.
- *The Hate U Give*
- *The Bone Sparrow* – Zana Fraillon – Immigration
- *Your'e Not Proper*- Tariq Mehmood- Prejudice & Identity
- *I am Malala*- Malala Yousaf –
- *Noughts and Crosses* – Malorie Blackman- prejudice
- *Race to the Frozen North* Catherine Johnson- prejudice
- *Billy Elliot* - Melvin Burgess- oppression & prejudice
- *Out of the shadows* - Jason Wallace- Set in Africa; Bullying, racism & bigotry

Mental Health and LGBT

- *Thirteen Reasons Why*- Jay Asher- (KS4)- Suicide
- *Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow*- Siobhan Curham- Overcoming adversity
- *Finding Audrey*- Sophie Kinsella- Bereavement
- *Nothing Ever Happens Here* – Sarah Hagger Holt –Transgender, acceptance
- *All the Things that could go Wrong* – Stewart Foster- OCD, Bullying, and ADHD
- *The Goldfish Boy* – Lisa Thompson – OCD
- *This Book Is Gay* – James Dawson -Sexuality
- *Bad Apple* – Matt Whyman – Behaviour
- *How to Fly with Broken Wings*- Jane Elson- Bullying
- *All The Bright Places*- Jenifer Niven- Overcoming depression.
- *The Fault in our Stars*- John Green – Illness / death
- *George* – Alex Gino - Transgender
- *My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece*- Bereavement
- *The Boy with the Butterfly Mind*- ADHD
- *Can you See Me* – Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott- Autism
- *Wonder* – J Pacio – Friendship - acceptance
- *1000 Year old Boy*- Ross Welford- Acceptance- friendship

Geography

Climate Change/Pollution

- *Flood Child* - Emily Diamand, Global climate change
- *Flush* - Carl Hiaasen, Sewage Pollution
- *Runners* - Ann Kelly, Global climate change
- *The Dog Runner* - Bren MacDibble, Environment - run out of water
- *Floodland* - Marcus Sedgwick, Global climate change
- *After The Flood* – LS Matthews Climate Change
- *The Carbon Diaries* – Saci Lloyd, Climate Change
- *Where the River Runs Gold* –Sita Bramachari- Environment - Global climate change

Natural Disasters

- *Asylum* - Rachel Anderson, Drought
- *Aftershock*, - Bernard Ashley, Earthquake
- *Storm wake* -, Lucy Christopher Flood
- *In Darkness* - , Nick Lake Earthquake
- *Nation* - Terry Pratchett, Tsunami
- *Volcano Adventure Price*, Willard Volcano
- *Wild fire* – Chris Ryan Forest fires
- *Fault Line* - Chris Ryan Earthquake
- *Flash Flood* - Chris Ryan Flood
- *The killing Sea* – Richard Lewis, Tsunami
- *In Darkness*- Nick Lake Earthquake

Countries

- *The Garbage King*- Elizabeth Lair- Ethiopia, Africa Street children.
- *Welcome to Nowhere* – Elizabeth Laird – Syria, Refugees
- *A Little Piece of Ground* – Elizabeth Laird – Palastine / Isreal conflict
- *Oranges in No man's Land* – Elizabeth Laird – Beirut/Lebenom – Middle East wars.
- *Journey to the Riversea*- Eva Ibbotson – Amazon Rainforrest
- *Girl on a Plane*- 1970's Hijacking Middle East
- *The Other Side of Truth* – Beverley Naidoo- Nigeria- political corruption
- *Now is the Time for Running* – South Africa – Zimbabwe –refugees
- *The Explorer*- Katherine Rundell - Plane crash survival in the Amazon Jungle
- *Trash*- Andy Mulligan- South America- Favela's- poverty and corruption.
- *Running on the Roof of the World*- Jess Butterworth-Tibet – India

Maths

- *Why do Buses come in Threes? The Hidden Maths of Everyday Life* – Rob Eastaway
- *Symmetry: A Journey into the Patterns of Nature* – Marcus de Sautoy
- *How Many Socks Make A Pair?* – Rob Eastway
- *The Code Book: The Secret History of Codes and Code Breaking* – Simon Singh
- *The Indisputable Existence of Santa Claus* – Hannah Fry & Thomas Oleron-Evans
- *Counting by 7's* – Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*- Mark Haddon
- *An Abundance of Katherines*- John Green
- *The Number Devil*- H M Enzensberger

Languages

- *The Asterix books by Gozcinny and Uderzo* – in French, of course

- *Mr Men Series in French*
- *Harry Potter series in French and Spanish*
- *Rohald Dahl in French And Spanish*
- *Cuentos de la Selva – Horacio Quiroga*

PE

- *Football Academy Series – Tom Palmer, Football*
- *Foul Play Series – Tom Palmer, Football*
- *Jamie Johnson Series - Dan Freedman, Football*
- *Girls FC Series-Helena Pielichaty Girls Football*
- *Rugby Series – Gerard Siggins, Rugby*
- *Booked – Kwame Alexander – Football*
- *Keeper – Mal Peet – Football*
- *Being Me- Pete Kalu – Girls Football*
- *Ghost- Jayson Reynolds - Running*

Survival

- *Between a Rock and a Hardplace. (Film -24 hours) Aaron*
- *Bear Grylls- MissionSurvival Series*
- *Chris Ryan -*
- *Touching the Void – Joe Simpson- Climbing accident- survival*
- *Soul Surfer- Bethany Hamilton - Shark attack.*
- *Boy 87- Ele Fountain- One boys struggle to survive from a country he is no longer safe in.*
- *Running Full Tilt – Michael Currinder*
- *The Young Champion’s Mind: How to Think, Train and Thrive like an Elite Athlete – Dr Jim Afremow*

Science

- *Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science - and the World - Rachel Swaby*
- *One Beetle too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin – Kathryn Lasky*
- *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas – Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks*
- *Citizen Scientists: Be a part of scientific discovery from your own backyard – Loree Griffin Burns and Ellen Harasimowicz*
- *Life As We Knew it – Susan Pfeffer , Astroid / End of the World*
- *Glow – Amy Ryan – Space Travel*
- *Pig heart Boy- Malorie Blackman - transplants*
- *Tiger Wars – Steve Backshaw , Conservation/Wildlife*
- *Ghosts of The Forests – Steve Backshaw, Conservation/ Wildlife*
- *Itch – Simon Mayo – Chemistry, Rocks/ Minerals /Periodic Table*
- *Orion Lost - Alistair Chisholm, Space journey*
- *2001 Space Oddyssey – Arthur C Clarke – Space*

- *Day of the Triffids*- John Wyndham- biological experimentation
- *The 5th Wave series*- Rick Yancy- Aliens
- *The Time Machine* – HG Wells- Time travel
- *The Island at the End of Everything*- Kiran Millwood Hargreaves
- *My Family and other Animals*- Gerald Durrall- Species
- *Killer T*- Michael Muchamore – Gene editing

History

- *Ring Of Roses* - Mary Hooper - Black Death
- *At The Sign Of The Sugared Plum*- MaryHooper- Fire of London
- *Stop The Train* - Geraldine McGaughrean- American West
- *Z For Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien- America- Nuclear War
- *Across the Barricades*- Joan Lingard – Ireland, Belfast 1970's
- *Coming to England* – Floella Benjami- Windrush Generation

Black History

- *Chains* - Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Forge* - Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Help*- Kathryn Stockkitt
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* – Harper Lee
- *Buffalo Soldier*- Tanya Landman

Suffragettes

- *Things A Bright Girl Can Do* - Sally Nichols
- *Until We Win* - Linda Newbury
- *Star By Star* - Sheena Wilkinson

World War 1

- *Armistice Runner*- Tom Palmer-
- *War House*- Michael Morpurgo
- *Solider Dog Angus*, Sam
- *War Girls* – Adele Geras
- *Remembrance* Breslin, Theresa
- *Bird Song* Faulks, Sebastian
- *Foreshadowing* Sedgwick, Marcus
- *Cowards* Sedgwick, Marcus
- *Flambards* Peyton, K.M.
- *Private Peaceful* Morpurgo, Michael
- *Five Children On The Western Front* Saunders, Kate
- *All Quiet On The Western Front* Remarque, E.M.
- *The Thirty-Nine Steps* Buchan, John

- *The ANZAC Boys – Tony Bradman*

World War II

- *Postcard From No Man's Land Chambers, Aidan*
- *Auslander - Paul Dowswell*
- *An Elephant in the Garden- Michael Morpurgo*
- *An Eagle in the Snow- Michael Morpurgo*
- *Goodnight Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian*
- *Silver Sword - Ian Serrailier*
- *Machine Gunners- Robert Westall*
- *Duty Calls: Battle of Britain- James Holland*
- *Blitz - Robert Westall*
- *Front Lines – Michael Grant*
- *Mission Telemark – Amanda Mithison*

The Holocaust

- *After The War – Tom Palmer*
- *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas- John Boyne*
- *The Book Thief - Markus Zusak*
- *Number The Stars - Lois Lowry*
- *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit -Judith Kerr*
- *Hana's Suitcase - Karen Levine*

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) Reading List

Guidance Questions to help you Reflect on your Reading

You can use these questions to help you think about the book that you have just read. If you like to keep a record of your reading (there is space for this in your planner), you might like to write down some of your answers. The main purpose of these questions is to encourage you to think.

You could also use the questions as a springboard for discussion, either with family members, with friends or in a group read.

1. In no more than 100 words, give a quick summary of the book. You can write down your summary, but you can also say it aloud, or think about it. This is quite a hard thing to do, whether you are identifying the key elements of a story or the main topics in an information book.
2. Have you ever read any books by the same author or on the same subject/theme before? If yes, how did this book compare? Consider the style, language, extent, interest, depth, appeal, information.
3. Would you recommend this book? Why? Who might be interested?
4. Write or think about about three things that you learnt from it, and go into detail (or think in detail) about **at least one of them**.
5. Write or think about at least one thing that you would like to know more about having read this book. How might you go about finding this out?
6. Give the book a score out of 10 (0 – absolutely dreadful to 10 – amazing). Explain or think *in detail* why you have given the book this score. (Answers such as “it was boring” or “it was interesting” do not really stretch you and do not convey any information! Make sure there is a “because” in your answer.)
7. Would you like to read another book on the same theme or by the same author? Why?