

Recommended Reading

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Graphic Novels

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Arakawa, Hiromu	Fullmetal Alchemist	Viz Media	27 book series
Briggs, Raymond	Fungus the Bogeyman	Penguin	Humorous
Busiek, Kurt	Avengers Assemble	Marvel	Popular title
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl	Puffin	Graphic version. This is easier to read
Foreman, Micheal	War Game	Pavilion	Factual, emotional WW1 story
Hunt, Gerry	Blood Upon the Rose	O'Brien Press	Engaging and popular way of presenting the 1916 Rising
Isayama, Hajime	Attack on Tital	Kodansha Comics	Manga series
Kirkman, Robert	The Walking Dead	Image	Hugely popular zombie apocalypse. Suitable for seniors
Kishimoto, Masashi	Naruto	Viz Media	Popular manga
Mochizuki, Jun	Pandora Hearts	Yen Press	Exciting manga story
Muchamore, Robert	The Recruit	Hodder	Graphic novel version of the original
Spiegelman, Art	The Complete Maus	Penguin	Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel-set in WW2
Various	Bleach	VIZ Media	Popular manga series
Various	Ultimate X Men	Marvel	Slick, updated classic X-Men stories
Venditti, Robert	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief- th graphic novel		Great adventure story
Willingham, Bill	Fables	DC Comics	Fairy tales in modern Mew York
Young, Kim	Twilight-The Graphic Novel	Atom	A romance fantasy with vampires

Sports

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Apps, Roy	Dreams to Win Series	Franklin Watts	Bios of sporting heroes
Croft, Andy	Steven Gerrard (etc.)	Barrington Stoke	Sporting bios
Freedman, Dan	Jamie Johnstone Series	Scholastic	Soccer drama. Gripping

Watt, Tom	The Jags Series	Rising Stars	Football stories
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Historic Fiction

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Boyne, John	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Transworld	Poignant and dark. Great story
Bunting, Eve	One Candle	Harper Collins	Moving book about the Holocaust
Gleitzman, Morris	Once	Puffin	First in series. Always popular
Huggins-Cooper, Lynn	One Boy's War	Frances Lincoln	WW1 story
Innocenti, R. & Gallaz, C.	Rose Blanche	Creative Paperbacks	Story about WW2. Powerful argument for peace
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight Mr. Tom	Puffin Classics	Moving story of WW2 evacuee
Morpurgo, Michael	War Horse	Egmont	Modern classic
Palmer, Tom	Over the Line	Barrington Stoke	Football in the trenches
Roscoff, Meg	How I Live Now	Penguin	Children struggle alone after war breaks out in England

Thrillers

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Collins, Suzanne	The Hunger Games	Scholastic	Great first of a trilogy
Condie, Ally	Matched	Razorbill	Dystopian thriller romance
Dashner, James	Maze Runner	Chicken House	A wonderful adventure. Perfect for fans of the Hunger Games
Grisham, John ?	Theodore Boone (series)	Hodder & Stoughton	Popular with 1 st year students
McNabe, Andy	Boy Solider	Hodder	12 books in series
Mulligan, Andy	Trash	David Fickling Books	Exciting thriller
Roth, Veronica	Divergent Series	Harper Collins	Epic suspense trilogy. Current films making books popular
Shan, Darren	Zom-B	Simon & Schuster	Gory and exciting zombie book for teens

Recommend Novels for Secondary School students

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Almond, David	The Savage	Walker Books	Beautiful mix of words and pictures
Arrigan, Mary	Chocolate Moon	Barrington Stoke	Appealing to everyone
Atkins, Jill	Cry, Baby	Evans	Gripping story
Binch, Caroline	Christy's Dream	Frances Lincoln	Magical and beautiful story for horse lovers
Blade, Adam	Beast Quest	Orchard Books	Very popular
Blume, Judy	Are You There God it's Me Margaret	MacMillan	First published over 40 years ago
Brown, Eric	Twocking	Barrington Stoke	Highly recommended
Cass, Kiera	The Selection	Harper Collins	1 st in trilogy
Catchpole, Barbara	Pig series	Ransom	Recommended for reluctant readers
Clare, Cassandra	City of Bones series	Walker books	Popular with strong readers
Combes, Alan	Fire Escape	Barrington Stoke	Very short read, but gripping
Chbosky, Stephen	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Simon & Schuster	A funny and poignant book about growing up
David, Keren	When I Was Joe	Frances Lincoln	Very popular
Donbavand, Tommy	Uniform	Barrington Stoke	Spooky mystery with an open ending
Dowd, Siobhan	Solace of the Road	David Fickling Books	Girl runs away from foster parents in search of her mother
Downham, Jenny	Before I Die	David Fickling Books	Thought-provoking story of a terminally ill girl. Adult themes
Fitzgerald, F.Scott	The Great Gatsby	Penguin	Tale of excess set in the jazz age
Forman, Gayle	If I Stay	Random House	Very popular
Francis, Pauline	Fast Track Classic-Black Beauty	Evans	Lovely book about man's kindness and cruelty-seen through the eyes of a horse
Green, John	Looking for Alaska	Penguin	Good book about growing up
Hinton, S.E	The Outsiders	Penguin	Great coming of age book
Hinton, Nigel	Partners in Crime	Barrington Stoke	Fast-paced, page-turning thriller
Hooper, Mary	Megan	Bloomsbury	Realistic, gripping dilemma of a teen pregnancy

Hopkins, Cathy	Mates, Dates Guide to Life	Piccadilly Press	A fun read
Hurn, Roger	Mystery Mob Series	Rising Stars	Short, simple stories that revolve around a group of friends
Jefferies, Cindy	Fame School	Usborne	School drama. Easily accessible. Recommended for 1 st Year
Johnstone, Pete	The Best Holiday Ever	Barrington Stoke	Recommended for 2 nd Year
Kendrick, Joanna	Baby Father (The Play)	Barrington Stoke	A heartwarming teen pregnancy story. Recommended for reluctant readers
Kendrick, Joanna	Take Two/Three's a Crowd	Barrington Stoke	Popular with reluctant readers
Kiernan, Celine	Into the Gray	O'Brien Press	Challenging read for more able students particularly those in 1 st Year
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	Puffin Books	Always popular
Kropp, Paul	Juvie	Robinswood	Action packed story. Easy read
Lancett, Peter	Dark Man Series	Ransom	Excellent series for weak readers (with workbooks)
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	Arrow	Deals with important issues
Lockhart, Emily	We Were Liars	Hot Key Books	Americal WASPs Island mystery
McGann Oisin	Goblin of Tara	Barrington Stoke	Great for struggling readers and as a readaloud to a class
McKenzie, Sophie	Falling Fast Series	Simon & Schuster	Teenage romance
McKenzie, Sophie	Girl Missing/ Falling Fast/ The One and Only/Medusa Series	Simon & Schuster	Very popular
Muchamore, Robert	The Recruit	Hodder	First book in CHERUB series about crime fighting kids
Muchamore, Robert	CHERUB series	Hodder	12 books in series
Ness, Patrick	More Than This	Walker Books	Provocative and moving
Ness, Patrick	A Monster Calls	Walker Books	A young boy with the terminal illness of his mother-with a little help
Parkinson, Siobhan	Bruised	Hodder	Gritty story. Very popular

Patterson, James	I Funny, A Middle School Story	Arrow	A very funny book
Peirce, Lincoln	Big Nate	Harper Collins	Ideal for Wimpy Kid fans
Philips, Dee	Fight	Evans	Very popular. Recommended for reluctant readers
Picoult, Jodi	My Sister's Keeper	Hodder & Stoughton	Recommended for Senior Cycle
Powling, Chris	Blade	Barrington Stoke	Great starter book
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engines	Scholastic	Fantastic and unusual setting
Riordan, Rick	Heroes of Olympus Series	Puffin Books	Great fantasy action series
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson Series	Puffin Books	Film and graphic novel tie-in
Roscoff, Meg	How I Live Now	Penguin	An exciting, futuristic story that deals with real-life issues for teens
Rowling, J.K	Harry Potter Series	Scholastic	Exciting books about a wizard
Russell, Rachel Renee	Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-so-Fabulous Life	Simon & Schuster	Hilarious book
Seiznick, Brian	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Scholastic	Part book, part silent movie
Sheldon, Dylan	My Perfect Life	Dial Press	Young adult novel
Sheridan, Fiachra	The Runners	New Island Books	Gritty read by Irish author
Silverstein, Shel	The Missing Piece Meets the Big O	Harper Collins	Allegory for the secret for love and nurturing relationships
Strasser, Todd	If I Grow Up	Simon & Schuster	Life in a ghetto in the US
Sugg, Zoe	Girl Online	Penguin	Very popular. Great book club pick
Tan, Shauna	The Arrival	Hodder	Beautifully illustrated book-helpful for non-nationals to articulate their feelings on moving to a new country
Trinity Comp Writers	In Pieces	JCSP/PDST	Fantastic quick read. Set in Dublin. Available to purchase from www.bepublishing.com
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Mysteries of Harris Burdock	Anderson	Wordless portrait of the immigrant experience. Beautiful images that are great

			for story starters or discussion
Various	Cutting Edge	Ransom	'Edgy' content. Easy reads
Wilson, Jaqueline	The Butterfly Club	Doubleday	One of many books from the popular Jacqueline Wilson
Zephaniah, Benjamin	Gangsta Rap	Bloomsbury	Great story. Very true to life

Non-Fiction

	Minecraft Beginners Handbook	Egmont	Assessible, comprehensive beginners guide
Bansky	Wall and Piece	Century	A favourite with all. Art with a message
BBC	Top Gear titles	BBC Children	Popular with car fans
Callery, Sean	Go Series	Barrington Stoke	Popular
DK Eyewitness	Eyewitness Series	Dorling Kindersley	Useful for research
Doyle, Roddy & Keane, Roy	The Second Half	Weidenfeld & Nicholson	Popular sports bio
Gibbons, Alan	Hate	Indigo	Drama based on a true story
Guinness	Guinness Book of World Records		Very popular with students of all ages
Linde, Arvid	How Your Car Works	Veloce Publishing	Great for any budding mechanics
Maguire, Neven	The Nation's Favourite Food	Gill & Macmillan	Beautiful recipe book
O'Toole, Julie	Heroin	Mavericks House	Pacy, accessible read that comes full circle
Palacio, R.J.	365 Days of Wonder	The Bodley Head	Inspiring quotes for every day of the year
Ripley	Ripley's Believe It or Not		Amazing facts-for students of all ages

Mystery

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Berry, Julie	All the Truth That's in Me	Templar	A romantic mystery
Brooks, Kevin	Johnny Delgado	Barrington Stoke	A murder mystery for reluctant readers
Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur	Complete Sherlock Holmes Series	Wordsworth	Simply well-crafted mysteries. Still accessible and compelling

Engstrom, Mikael	Thin Ice	Little Island	Lovely book about a boy finding his place in the world
Grant, Michael	Gone Series	Egmont	Compulsive, fast paced mystery.
Landy, Derek	Skullduggery Pleasant	Harper Collins	Entertaining detective series with a twist

Science-Fiction

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Blackman, Malorie	Noughts and Crosses	Corgi Childrens	The original dystopian thriller – with racial considerations which give it added depth. Captures the imagination of students
Bradford, Chris	Young Samuri	Puffin	Very popular
Delgany, Joseph	Spooks Apprentice	Red Fox	Very popular
McCarthy, Cormac	The Road	Picador	Post-apocalyptic story by an Irish author
Palacio, R.J.	Wonder	Corgi Childrens	Original and unsentimental story about disability
Staid, Rebecca	When You Reach Me	Anderson Press	Complex but wonderfully told story

Humour

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Monsen, Avery	All My Friends are Dead	Chronicle Books	Cute and dark lessons about life
Pichon, Liz	Tom Gates Series	Scholastic	Comic look at school life. Very funny book
Portis, Charles	True Grit	Bloomsbury	Rediscovered after the recent movies. This is a classic
Walliams, David	Various Titles	Harper Collins	Can't go wrong with Walliams-always funny

Romance

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Green, John	The Fault in Our Stars	Penguin	Great romantic film tie-in book
Meyer, Stephanie	Twilight	Atom	Vampire story
Rennison, Louise	Angus Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging (series)	Harper Collins	An old favourite. Comic romance in diary form
Rowell, Rainbow	Eleanor & Park	Orion	Romance set in the 80s
Smith, L.J.	Vampire Diaries Series	Hodder	Horror romance

Adventure

Author	Title	Publisher	Comment
Grylls, Bear	Mission Survival	Red Fox	Excitement and adventure. Accessible read
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker	Walker Books	Very popular
Hurn, Roger	Mystery Mob Series	Rising Stars	Protagonists tease each other on their adventures
Lore, Pittacus	I am Number Four	Penguin	Exciting futuristic adventure story
Pilkey, Dave	Captain Underpants Series	Scholastic	Popular easy reads
Tolkien, J.R.R	The Hobbit	Harper Collins	Always popular. Quite a difficult read. Currently popular due to films

Magazines

Title	Publisher	Comment
All About History		Interesting history articles
Gamesmaster		All the platforms represented here
Goal		Aimed at teens interested in keeping up with UK Premier League football
Irish History Magazine		Interesting articles on history
Look	IPC Media	Loved by students and staff. All latest fashion news
Match		Current football magazine
Match of the Day	BBC	Football news
National Geographic		Exciting magazine filled with colourful

		stories around the world
Top Gear	BBC	Popular with car lovers
Top of the Pops	BBC	Popular
Voice of the Traveller		Interesting magazine of special interest to travellers of all ages
World Soccer	Time Inc. (UK) Ltd.	Popular with football fans
Your Hair		Articles, tips and photos