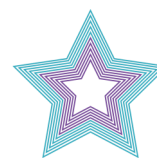




# Sherburn High School



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## 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 13½* 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 Dowswell  
**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](mailto:ann.hannam@shs.starmat.uk) or your child's teacher.

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