



Sherburn High School



The STAR
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

“Achievement for All”

Year 9, 10 & 11 Recommended Reading List

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

Action, Mystery, Horror and Thrillers

Bodyguard Series by Chris Bradford
The Bunker Diary; iBoy; Martyn Pig by Kevin Brooks
Twocking by Eric Brown*
Dead Time Series; The Bone Room * by Anne Cassidy
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie ^
Margot and Me by Juno Dawson
Mortal Chaos; Everest Files by Matt Dickinson
A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly
The Ring Of Truth by Alan Durant *
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn ^
The Vanishing of Katherine Linden by Helen Grant
The Confession by John Grisham ^
The Girl On A Train by Paula Hawkins ^
The Enemy by Charlie Higson
The Woman In Black by Susan Hill ^
Partners In Crime by Nigel Hinton *
Moriarty by Anthony Horowitz
A Good Girl's Guide To Murder by Holly Jackson
Carrie or IT by Stephen King ^
We Were Liars; Genuine Fraud by E Lockhart
Rules For Vanishing by Kate Alice Marshall
The Knife That Killed Me by Anthony McGowan
Girl Missing; Blood Ties by Sophie McKenzie
One Of Us Is Lying & Sequels by Kate McManus
The Recruit (Cherub) by Robert Muchamore
Fould Play; Ghost Stadium by Tom Palmer *
Stone Cold by Robert Swindells

Autobiographies, Memoirs & Biographies

The Greatest by Muhammed Ali ^
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou ^
Coming To England by Floella Benjamin
A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen *^
Swim, Bike, Run by Alistair Brownlee
Wave: Life After The Tsunami by Sonali Deraniyagala ^
Diary Of A Young Girl by Anne Frank
Out Of India & Sequel by Jamilla Gavin
Marley And Me by John Grogan *^
Mud, Sweat And Tears by Bear Grylls *^
Motorcycle Diaries by Ernesto Guevara
The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind by W Kamkwamba
This Is Going To Hurt by Adam Kay ^
War Dog by Damien Lewis ^
A-Z Of Wonder Women by Yvonne Lin
Diary Of A Young Naturalist by Dara McAnulty
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah ^
A History Of The World In 21 Women by Jenny Murray ^

Becoming by Michelle Obama ^
Dreams From My Father by Barak Obama ^
Rabbit Proof Fence by Doris Pilkington
Touching The Void by Joe Simpson ^
How To Be Extraordinary by Rashmi Sirdeshpande *^
The Pianist by Wladyslaw Szpilman ^
Educated by Tara Westover ^
Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X ^
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Classics & Modern Literature

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Adichie ^
The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood ^
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Regeneration Trilogy by Pat Barker ^
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury ^
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Postcards From No Man's Land by Aiden Chambers
All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr ^
Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle ^
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison ^
Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo ^
Lord Of The Flies by William Golding
The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini ^
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley ^
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro ^
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee ^
Cider With Rosie by Laurie Lee ^
Small Island by Andrea Levi ^
The Road by Cormac McCarthy ^
The Bluest Eye or Beloved by Toni Morrison ^
Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell ^
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Nineteen Eighty Four by George Orwell
The God Of Small Things by Arundhati Roy ^
Anita And Me by Meera Syal ^
The Color Purple by Alice Walker ^
Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson ^

* - Top picks for reluctant readers or readers who like visual/less dense texts and includes some dyslexia friendly titles.

^ - Books written for adults, content may reflect this.



Complex/Difficult/Thought-provoking Issues

Change Is Gonna Come by various BAME authors
Clap When You Land or Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
7 Days by Eve Ainsworth
Simon VS. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli *
Booked; Rebound; Crossover by Kwame Alexander *
The Hypnotist by Laurence Anholt
Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Black Flamingo by Dean Atta
Noughts & Crosses or Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman *
Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret? by Judy Blume *
Am I Normal Yet? by Holly Bourne
See Through Me; Dumb Chocolate Club by Kevin Brooks *
Hate List by Jennifer Brown
Junk or The Hit by Melvin Burgess
Heart Shaped Bruise by Tanya Byrne
Looking For JJ; No Virgin/No Shame by Anne Cassidy
The Perks Of Being A Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
Stolen by Lucy Christopher
Toffee; One; We Come Apart by Sarah Crossan *
Meat Market; Margot And Me by Juno Dawson
A Pure Swift Cry by Siobhan Dowd
Furious Thing; Now Is Good by Jenny Downham
Out Of My Mind By Sharon Draper
Worst. Holiday. Ever. By Charlie Higson
Heroic; Being Billy by Phil Earle *
Mockingbird by Katherine Erskine
If I Stay; Just One Day by Gail Forman
Full Disclosure by Camryn Garrett
After The Fire by Will Hill
Looking At The Stars by Lewis Hine
And The Stars Were Burning Brightly by Danielle Jawando
That Asian Kid by Savita Kalhan
That's Not What happened by Kodi Keplinger
I am Thunder by Muhammed Khan
Orange Boy; Eight Pieces Of Silva by Patrice Lawrence
Brock; Pike; Rook or Lark by Anthony McGowan *
Run, Rebel by Manjeet Mann
Out Of Heart by Irfan Master
Sister Heart by Sally Morgan
Slay by Brittney Morris
Sky Is Everywhere; I'll Give You The Sun by Jandy Nelson
No Fixed Address by Susin Nielson
All The Bright Places by Jenny Niven
Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver
Heartstopper Series (Graphic Novels) by Alice Oseman *
Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens ^
My Sister's Keeper by Jodie Picoult ^
Patron Saints Of Nothing by Randy Ribay
Rani & Sukh; (Un) Arranged Marriage by Bali Rai
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Extraordinary Means by Robyn Schneider
The Lovely Bones; Lucky by Alice Sebold
Voyages In Underworld Of Orpheus Black by M Sedgwick*

The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla
My Name Is Why by Lemn Sissay ^
Counting by 7s by Holly Sloan
The Million Pieces Of Neena Gill by Emma Smith-Barton
Dear Martin; Dear Justice by Nic Stone
Stone Cold by Robert Swindells
Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robyn Talley
Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
The Hate You Give; On The Come Up by Angie Thomas
The List by Siobhan Vivian
It's A Kind Of Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
My Name Is Leon by Kit de Waal
Liccle Bit; Uprising by Alex wheatle *
Frankly In Love by David Yoon
Terror Kid; Face by Benjamin Zephaniah *

Dystopian, Science Fiction, Magical Realism

Children Of Blood And Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
The Power by Naomi Alderman ^
A Jigsaw Of Fire & Stars by Yaba Badoe
Shadow Of Bones Series; King Of Scars by Leigh Bardugo
Exodus by Julia Bertagna
Chasing The Stars by Malorie Blackman
Gamer by Chris Bradford *
Ink & Sequels by Alice Broadway
World War Z by Max Brooks ^
The Girl With All The Gifts by M. R. Carey ^
City Of Bones & Sequels By Cassandra Clare
Matched & Sequels By Ally Condie
The Maze Runner & Sequels by James Dashner
Cell 7 & Sequels by Kerry Drewery
Gone; Front Line Series by Michael Grant *
Half Bad & Sequels by Sally Green
The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Department 19 by Will Hill
Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko
The Loneliest Girl In The Universe by Lauren James
Maladapted by Richard Kurti
I Am Number Four & Sequels by Pittacus Lore
Legend & Sequels by Marie Lu
The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble
A Blade So Black by L. L. McKinney
Station 11 by Emily Mandel ^
The Passengers by John Marrs
Killer T by Robert Muchamore
The Knife Of Never Letting Go Series; Burn by Patrick Ness
Z For Zachariah by Robert O'Brien
The Loop by Ben Oliver
Delirium & Sequels by Lauren Oliver
Divergent & Sequels by Veronica Roth
Plague Land & Sequels by Alex Scarrow
Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard



Dystopian, Science Fiction, Magical Realism cont.

Scythe Series by Neal Shusterman

Concentr8 by William Sutcliffe

Contagion; Slated & Sequels by Teri Terry

The Martian by Andy Weir ^

Uglies Series by Scott Westerfield

Humorous Books

The Princess Diaries Series by Meg Cabot *

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman ^

The Private Blog Of Joe Cowley Series by Ben Davis *

An Abundance Of Katherines by John Green

Noah Can't Even; Alex In Wonderland by S J Green

Hellbent or Henry Tumour by Anthony McGowan *

Don't Even Think About It by Sarah Mylnowski

Good Omens by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman ^

Geekhood Series by Andy Robb

The Gifted, The Talented And Me by William Sutcliffe

Dark Lord: The Teenage Years by Jamie Thomson

The Secret Diary Of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend

Relationships

Floored: When Seven Lives Collide by Various Authors

Beautiful Broken Things by Sara Barnard

Tender Earth by Sita Brahmachari

Fault In Our Stars; Looking For Alaska by John Green

Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler

To All The Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han

Hold Back The Stars by Katie Khan

Falling Fast & Sequels by Sophie McKenzie

One Day by David Nicholls ^

Unboxed; Second Best Friend by Non Pratt *

Eleanor And Park; Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell

Written In The Stars by Aisha Saeed

Shiver & Sequels by Maggie Stiefvater

Our Chemical Hearts by Krystal Sutherland

The Art Of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson

If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson

Everything, Everything; The Sun Is Also A Star by N Yoon

War, History, Conflict, Genocide & Refugees

The Short Knife by Elen Caldecot

Illegal (Graphic Novel) by Eoin Colfer *

Leaves In A Holocaust Wind by Robert Dawson

Copper Sun by Sharon M Draper

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

Act Of Love by Alan Gibbons

Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay

The Mercies by Kiran Millwood Hargrave ^

Orphan, Monster, Spy by Matt Killeen

The Beekeeper Of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri ^

Tattooist Of Auschwitz; Cilka's Journey by Heather Morris

Sunrise Over Fallujah by W D Myers *

Things A Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nichols

Salt To The Sea; Fountains Of Silence by Ruta Sepstys

Code Name Verity; The Last Hawk by Elizabeth Wein

My Dear I wanted To Tell You by Louisa Young

Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

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www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

www.goodreads.com

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