

RECOMMENDED READS FOR 1ST YEARS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Almond, David	The Savage	Walker Books	Beautiful mix of words and pictures
Blade, Adam	Beast Quest	Orchard Books	Very popular – especially among boys
Boyne, John	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Transworld	Poignant and dark. Great story
Donbavand, Tommy	Uniform	Barrington Stoke	Spooky mystery with an open ending
Grisham, John	Theodore Boone (series)	Hodder & Stoughton	Thriller. Popular with boys
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
Kiernan, Celine	Into the Grey	O'Brien Press	Challenging read for more able students
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	Amulet	Language is deceptively difficult. Main character is hapless and cynical. Endlessly popular.
McKenzie, Sophie	Girl, Missing	Simon & Schuster	Very popular series
Morpurgo, Michael	Warhorse	Egmont	Modern classic
Ness, Patrick	A Monster Calls	Walker	Tissues needed for the ending!
Pichon, Liz	Tom Gates is Absolutely Fantastic	Scholastic	Comic look at school life. Very funny book. For boys and girls
Shan, Darren	Cirque du Freak	Collins	Best series ever according to some students!
Walliams, David	Various titles	Harper Collins	Can't go wrong with Walliams – always funny!

RECOMMENDED READS FOR 2nd YEARS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Almond, David	A Life in Stories	Walker Books	Almond is an enchanting writer
Blackman, Malorie	Noughts and Crosses	Corgi Childrens	The original dystopian thriller – with racial considerations which give it added depth. Captures the imagination of students
Engstrom, Mikael	Thin Ice	Little Island	Lovely book about a boy finding his place in the world
Gibbons, Alan	Hate	Indigo	Drama based on a true story
Gleitzman, Morris	Once	Puffin	First in series. Always popular
Grant, Michael	Gone Series	Egmont	Compulsive, fast-paced mystery. Popular with boys and girls
Hooper, Mary	Megan	Bloomsbury	Always popular
Johnson, Pete	The Best Holiday Ever	Barrington Stoke	Popular easy read
Landy, Derek	Skulduggary Pleasant series	Harper Collins	Very popular – with boys and girls
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight Mr. Tom	Puffin Classics	Moving story of WW2 evacuee
Muchamore, Robert	Cherub and Henderson Boys Series	Hodder	Great action books
Ness, Patrick	A Monster Calls	Walker Books	A young boy deals with the terminal illness of his mother – with a little help. Appeals to boys and girls
Palacio, R.J.	Wonder	Corgi Childrens	Original and unsentimental story about disability
Shan, Darren	Zom-B	Simon & Schuster	Gory and exciting zombie story for teens
Walliams, David	The Boy in the Dress	Harper Collins	A sensitive and funny book about being different

RECOMMENDED READS FOR 3rd YEARS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Bradford, Chris	Young Samurai	Puffin	Very popular – especially among boys
Condie, Ally	Matched	Razorbill	Dystopian thriller romance
Dashner, James	Maze Runner	Chicken House	A wonderful adventure. Perfect for fans of the Hunger Games
Delaney, Joseph	Spook's Apprentice	Red Fox	Very popular with boys
Dowd, Siobhain	Solace of the Road	David Fickling Books	Girl runs away from foster parents in search of her mother
Forman, Gayle	If I Stay	Random House	Most popular among girls
Green, John	Looking for Alaska	Penguin	Good book about growing up
Green, John	The Fault in Our Stars	Penguin	Great romantic film tie-in book. Not just for girls!
Hinton, S.E.	The Outsiders	Penguin	Author was only 17 when this was written. About gangs
Kropp, Paul	Juvie	Robinswood	Action packed story. Easy to read
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	Arrow	Deals with important issues
McKenzie, Sophie	Falling Fast Series	Simon & Schuster	Teenage romance
Muchamore, Robert	The Recruit	Hodder	First book in CHERUB series about crime fighting kids
Mulligan, Andy	Trash	David Fickling Books	Exciting thriller
Lockhart, Emily	We Were Liars	Hot Key Books	American WASPs Island mystery
Parkinson, Siobhain	Bruised	Hodder	Realistic and powerful story
Roscoff, Meg	How I Live Now	Penguin	An exciting, futuristic story that deals with real-life issues for teens
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit	Harper Collins	Always popular. Quite a difficult read. Currently popular due to films
Various	Cutting Edge	Ransom	'Edgy' content. Easy reads. For boys and girls

RECOMMENDED READS FOR SENIOR CYCLE:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Arakawa, Hiromu	Fullmetal Alchemist	Viz Media	27 book series. Very popular
Berry, Julie	All the Truth That's in Me	Templar	A romantic mystery
Collins, Suzanne	Hunger Games	Scholastic	Great first book of a trilogy that appeals to boys and girls
Conan Doyle, Sir Arthur	Complete Sherlock Holmes Stories	Wordsworth	Simply well-crafted mysteries. Still accessible and compelling
David, Keren	When I Was Joe	Frances Lincoln	Very popular
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	The Great Gatsby	Penguin	Tale of excess set in the jazz age
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker	Walker Books	Especially popular among older boys
Kavanagh, Joyce	Click Click	Hachette	Non-fiction. Story of abuse.
McCarthy, Cormac	The Road	Picador	Post-apocalyptic story by an Irish author
Meyer, Stephenie	Twilight	Atom	Vampire story that girls love
Ness, Patrick	More Than This	Walker Books	Provocative and moving. Appeals to both boys and girls
Picoult, Jodi	My Sister's Keeper	Hodder & Stoughton	Popular with girls
Portis, Charles	True Grit	Bloomsbury	Rediscovered after the recent movie. This is a classic
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engines	Scholastic	Fantastic and unusual setting
Roscoff, Meg	How I Live Now	Penguin	Children struggle alone after war breaks out in England
Roth, Veronica	Divergent Series	Harper Collins	Epic suspense trilogy. Current films making books popular
Rowell, Rainbow	Eleanor & Park	Orion	Romance set in the 80s
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter Series	Scholastic	Different enough from the films to still be interesting
Staid, Rebecca	When You Reach Me	Andersen Press	Complex but wonderfully told story
Zephaniah, Benjamin	Gangsta Rap	Bloomsbury	Great story. Very true to life

RECOMMENDED READS FOR BOYS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Arakawa, Hiromu	Fullmetal Alchemist	Viz Media	27 book series. Very popular
Chbosky, Stephen	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Simon & Schuster	A funny and poignant book about growing up
Delaney, Joseph	Spook's Apprentice	Red Fox	Boys love this series
Freedman, Dan	Jamie Johnson Series	Scholastic	Soccer drama. Gripping
Grylls, Bear	Mission Survival	Red Fox	Excitement and adventure. Accessible read
Hurn, Roger	Mystery Mob Series	Rising Stars	Protagonists tease each other on their adventures
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	Puffin Books	Always popular
Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	Harper Collins	Entertaining detective series with a twist
Lore, Pittacus	I Am Number Four	Penguin	Exciting futuristic adventure story
McNab, Andy	Boy Soldier	Doubleday	Gripping realistic fact-based thriller
Muchamore, Robert	CHERUB series	Hodder	12 books in series.
Palmer, Tom	Over the Line	Barrington Stoke	Football in the trenches
Patterson, James	I Funny, A Middle School Story	Arrow	Very funny book for boys
Pilkey, Dav	Captain Underpants series	Scholastic	Popular easy reads
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
Shan, Darren	Cirque du Freak/Demonata/Zom-B	Harper Collins	These series are always popular with boys
Strasser, Todd	If I Grow Up	Simon & Schuster	Life in a ghetto in the US
Walliams, David	Various	Harper Collins	All of Walliam's books are popular with younger students. Very funny and a light read
Watt, Tom	The Jags Series	Rising Stars	Football stories. Always popular

RECOMMENDED READS FOR GIRLS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Blume, Judy	Are You There God It's Me Margaret	MacMillan	First published over 40 years ago. Still well liked by today's teenage girls
Clare, Cassandra	City of Bones Series	Walker Books	Popular with strong readers
Cass, Kiera	The Selection	Harper Collins	1 st in trilogy
Downham, Jenny	Before I Die	David Fickling Books	Thought-provoking story of a terminally ill girl. Adult themes.
Green, John	The Fault in Our Stars	Penguin	Great romantic film tie-in book
Hinton, S.E.	The Outsiders	Penguin	Girls tend to recommend this book to each other
Hooper, Mary	Megan	Bloomsbury	Realistic, gripping dilemma of a teen pregnancy
Hopkins, Cathy	Mates, Dates Guide to Life	Piccadilly Press	Fun read for teen girls.
McKenzie, Sophie	Girl Missing/Falling Fast/The One and Only/Medusa Series	Simon & Schuster	Author loved by girls
Parkinson, Siobhain	Bruised	Hodder	Gritty story. Very popular
Rennison, Louise	Angus Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging (series)	Harper Collins	An old favourite. Comic romance in diary form.
Russell, Rachel Renee	Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-so-Fabulous Life	Simon & Schuster	Hilarious book for girls. Girl's version of Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Sheldon, Dyan	And Baby Makes Two	Walker Books	Accessible story about teenage pregnancy
Smith, L.J.	Vampire Diaries series	Hodder	Horror romance
Sugg, Zoe	Girl Online	Penguin	Very popular. Great book club pick.
Wilson, Jacqueline	The Butterfly Club	Doubleday	The latest from the ever-popular Jacqueline Wilson

RECOMMENDED READS FOR RELUCTANT READERS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Apps, Roy	Dream to Win Series	Franklin Watts	Bios of sporting heroes
Arrigan, Mary	Chocolate Moon	Barrington Stoke	Appeals to boys and girls
Atkins, Jill	Cry, Baby	Evans	Gripping story
Brooks, Kevin	Johnny Delgado	Barrington Stoke	A murder mystery. Hooks the reluctant boys
Brown, Eric	Twocking	Barrington Stoke	Highly recommended
Catchpole, Barbara	Pig Series	Ransom	Similar to 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' – but shorter
Combes, Alan	Fire Escape	Barrington Stoke	Very short read, but gripping
Croft, Andy	Steven Gerrard (etc.)	Barrington Stoke	Sporting bios
Francis, Pauline	Fast Track Classic – Black Beauty	Evans	Lovely book about man's kindness and cruelty – seen through the eyes of a horse
Hinton, Nigel	Partners in Crime	Barrington Stoke	Fast-paced, page-turning thriller
Kenrick, Joanna	Baby Father (The Play)	Barrington Stoke	A heart-warming teen pregnancy story that students can read aloud
Kendrick, Joanna	Take Two/Three's a Crowd	Barrington Stoke	Popular with girls
Lancett, Peter	Dark Man series	Ransom	Excellent series for very weak readers (with workbooks)
McGann, Oisín	Goblin of Tara	Barrington Stoke	Excellent for struggling readers and as a readaloud to a class
Peirce, Lincoln	Big Nate	Harper Collins	Ideal for Wimpy Kid fans
Phillips, Dee	Fight	Evans	Very popular
Powling, Chris	Blade	Barrington Stoke	Great starter book
Sheridan, Fiachra	The Runners	New Island Books	Gritty read by Irish author
Trinity Comp Writers	In Pieces	JCSP/PDST	Fantastic quick read. Set in Dublin. Available to purchase from www.becpublishing.com

RECOMMENDED PICTURE BOOKS FOR TEENS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Almond, David	The Savage	Walker Books	Intriguing story on the nature of 'story'
Binch, Caroline	Christy's Dream	Frances Lincoln	Magical and beautiful story for horse lovers
Bunting, Eve	One Candle	Harper Collins	Moving book about the holocaust
Huggins-Cooper, Lynn	One Boy's War	Frances Lincoln	First World War story that appeals to boys
Innocenti, R. & Gallaz, C.	Rose Blanche	Creative Paperbacks	Story about WW2. A powerful argument for peace
Monsen, Avery	All My Friends are Dead	Chronicle Books	Cute and dark lessons about life
Seiznick, Brian	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Scholastic	Part book part silent movie
Silverstein, Shel	The Missing Piece Meets the Big O	Harper Collins	Allegory for the secret of love and nurturing relationships
Tan, Shaun	The Arrival	Hodder	Beautifully illustrated book – helpful for non-nationals to articulate their feelings on moving to a new country
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick	Andersen	Wordless portrait of the immigrant experience. Beautiful images that are great for story starters or discussion
Wiesner, David	Tuesday	Houghton Mifflin	True story of Wilson Bentley, the man who photographed snowflakes.

RECOMMENDED READS - NON-FICTION:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
	Minecraft Beginners Handbook	Egmont	Accessible, comprehensive beginners guide
Bansky	Wall and Piece	Century	A favourite with all. Art with a message
BBC	Top Gear titles	BBC Children	Popular with boys
Callery, Sean	Go Series	Barrington Stoke	Popular with boys and girls
Doyle, Roddy & Keane, Roy	The Second Half	Weidenfeld & Nicholson	Popular sports bio.
DK Eyewitness	Eyewitness Series	Dorling Kindersley	Useful for research
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	Maverick 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

RECOMMENDED READS – GRAPHIC NOVELS:

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Arakawa, Hiromu	Fullmetal Alchemist	Viz Media	27 book series.
Briggs, Raymond	Fungus the Bogeyman	Penguin	Humorous. Appeals to both boys and girls
Busiek, Kurt	Avengers Assemble	Marvel	Popular title
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl	Puffin	Graphic version – easier read for those who have difficulty with print stories
Foreman, Michael	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 for boys and girls
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 – the Graphic Novel		Enjoyed by boys
Willingham, Bill	Fables	DC Comics	Fairy tales in modern New York
Young, Kim	Twilight – The Graphic Novel	Atom	Popular with boys

RECOMMENDED READS – POPULAR MAGAZINES:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Comment</i>
All About History		Interesting history articles
Gamesmaster		All the platforms represented here. Reviews and tips
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 the latest fashion news
Match		Current football magazine
Match of the Day	BBC	Football news
National Geographic		Exciting magazine filled with colourful stories from around the world
Top Gear	BBC	Popular with boys
Top of the Pops	BBC	Favourite with girls
Voice of the Traveller		Interesting magazine of special interest to travellers of all ages
World Soccer	Time Inc. (UK) Ltd.	Popular with boys
Your Hair		Articles, tips and photos