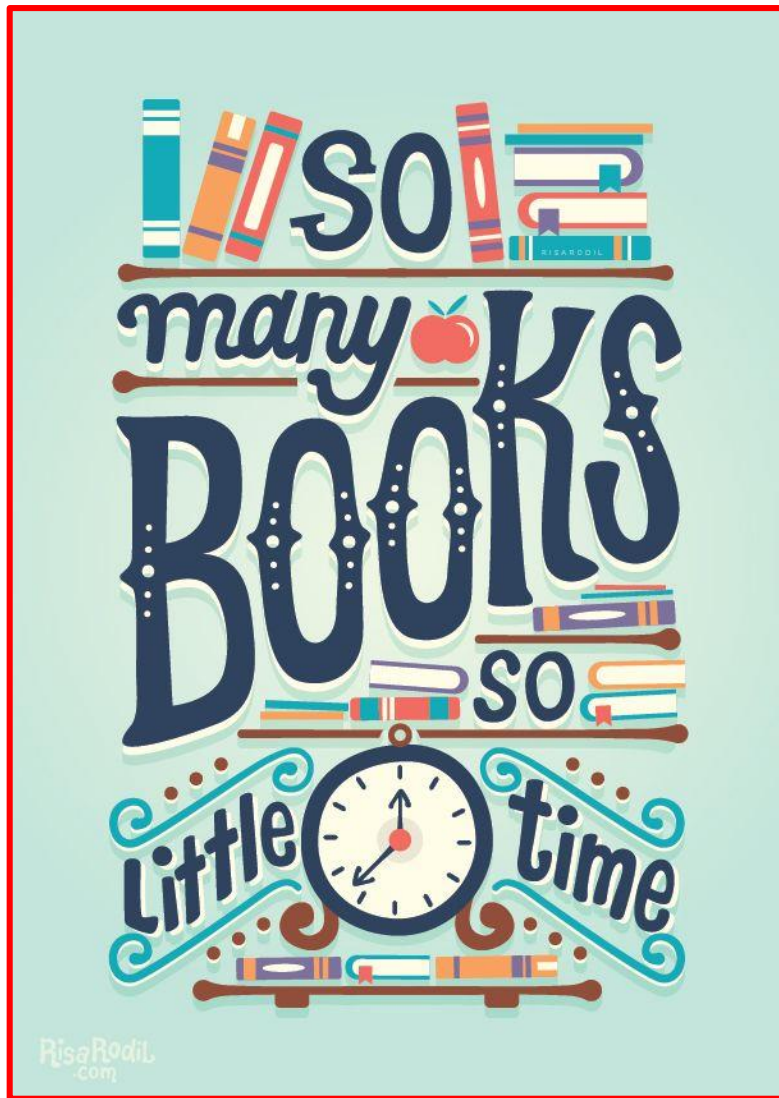




An Academy

Reading List for Years 7 & 8



*"Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labelled
'This could change your life'."*

Helen Exley

Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

Storm Catchers by Tim Bowler
Bodyguard or *Gamer* (& sequels) by Chris Bradford ●
Mortal Chaos or *Lie, Kill, Walk Away* by M Dickinson
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Girl Missing (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie
The Recruit (& sequels) by Robert Muchamore ●
Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman
Wolf Wilder or *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell
Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) by R Stevens
Trash by Andy Mulligan #
Hacker, Boys Don't Cry or *Pig-Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds ● #
Web of Darkness by Bali Rai #
Nowhere On Earth by Nick Lake
Lampie by Annet Schaap
Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer
Girl. Boy. Sea. by Chris Vick
The Last Wild by Piers Torday
Legend Series by Marie Lu
Ruby Redfort Series by Lauren Child
The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge

Dystopian & Science Fiction

Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari
Gone or *BRZK* (& sequels) by Michael Grant
Killer T by Robert Muchamore
The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels) by P Ness #
Railhead & Mortal Engines by P Reeve
The Toll, Scythe, Thunderhead by N Shusterman
Contagion or *Slated* (& sequels) by Teri Terry
The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

Fantasy

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
The House with Chicken Legs (& *Girl/Bear*) by S. Anderson
Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer
Inkheart (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke
Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini
Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman
Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell●

Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan
Harry Potter series by J K Rowling
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Series by Michelle Paver #
Voyages into the Underworld of Orpheus Black by Marcus & Julian Sedgwick

Humorous books

Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy by Frank C Boyce
Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire by T Collins●
The 13-Storey Treehouse (& series) by A Griffiths●
The World of Norm series by Jonathon Meres●
Middle School series by James Patterson●
Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly) ●
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce●
Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans
The Ice Monster, Beast of Buckingham Palace & others by David Walliams ●
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend #
Person Controller & The Taylor Turbochaser by David Baddiel

Love, Family & Friends

Artichoke Hearts or *Jasmine Skies* by S. Brahmachari
One, Apple & Rain, & Toffee by S Crossan #
Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy by P Earle●
Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies by A. Fine
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Scarlet Ibis by Gill Lewis
Lark (& series) by Anthony McGowan● #
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness #
Wonder by R.J. Palacio #
Ghost Boys by Jewell P Rhodes
Goldfish Boy & The Day I Was Erased by Lisa Thompson
The 1000 Year Old Boy & Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford
A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
Snow Foal by Susanna Bailey
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell
Ostrich Boys by Keith Gray #
The Paper & Hearts Society by Lucy Powrie #

Sports

Booked, Crossover or Rebound by K. Alexander●
Stat Man by Alan Durant●
Man of the Match (& series) by Dan Freedman
Kick by Mitch Johnson
Ultimate Football Heroes Series by M&T Oldfield●
Football Academy or *Foul Play* series by Tom Palmer●
Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series) by Bali Rai●

History

Soldier Dog or *A Horse Called Hero* by Sam Angus
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by J Boyne
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion
Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman●
Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen
Buffalo Soldier or *Apache* by Tanya Landman
Shadow & Sparrow by Michael Morpurgo
Armistice Runner or *Over the Line* by Tom Palmer●
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe
Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
Changeling by Philippa Gregory #
Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders
The Skylarks' War by Hilary McKay
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen

Horror & Ghost

Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy
Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher by Chris Priestley
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Riggs #
Zom-B or *Cirque du Freak* (& sequels) by D. Shan●
Dept 19 Series by Will Hill
Remade Trilogy by Alex Scarrow
Max Helsing Series by Curtis Jobling

Classics

Watership Down by Richard Adams #
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson-Burnett
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte #
The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien
Five Children and It by Edith Nesbit
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens #

Note to parents:

Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be occasional 'gritty' content. Generally by Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask your child's teacher.

● = Top picks for reluctant readers

= One of Mrs Sellers' favourite Books

"I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful."

- Roald Dahl