

Dear Guardians/Learners

Below you will find a list of texts that we recommend students read in years 7 and 8. Learners can choose any of these texts to enjoy reading at home and most are available in the Accelerated Reading scheme; please ask your English teacher or Mr Ryan in the Hub for more information. Reading has numerous benefits such as instilling a greater understanding of the people and the world around us, emotional well-being, and increased confidence.

When learners come across a word they haven't seen before, they should quickly look it up in a dictionary or on a search engine to widen their range of vocabulary.

We have tried to include a diverse range of books, including LGBTQ+ literature and books by black writers.

Guardians - please be aware some of these books may deal with sensitive issues and themes which may be suitable for more mature readers in KS3.

We hope you enjoy the texts you choose to read, and please feel free to ask anyone in the English department for further advice on what is suitable for you or for any recommendations.

Novels

A Murder most Unladylike- Robin Stevens
The Art of Being Normal – Lisa Williamson
The Black Flamingo- Dean Atta
Boy- Roald Dahl
Carry On- Rainbow Rowell
The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank
Everything Everything – Nicola Yoon
Floodland- Marcus Sedgwick
The Goldfish Boy- Lisa Thompson
The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
The House with Chicken Legs- Sophie Anderson
How I Live Now- Meg Rosoff
The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
I'm the King of the Castle- Susan Hill
The Jungle Book- Rudyard Kipling
Looking for JJ- Anne Cassidy
The Magician's Nephew – C.S. Lewis
Millions- Frank Cottrell Boyce
My Sister lives on the Mantlepiece- Annabel Pitcher
Northern Lights- Philip Pullman
Oh my Gods- Alexander Sheppard
On the come up- Angie Thomas
Orangeboy- Patrice Lawrence
Orphan Monster Spy- Matt Killeen
The Outsiders – S. E. Hinton
Pax- Jon Klassen
Pig heart boy - Malorie Blackman

Terror kid - Benjamin Zephaniah
Treasure Island- Robert Louis Stevenson
The Secret Garden- Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Sun is also a Star – Nicola Yoon
Warhorse- Michael Morpurgo
War of the Worlds – H G Wells
Witchchild- Celia Rees
Wonder -R.J. Palacio
Yoruba Girl Dancing- Simi Bedford

Poetry

Booked & Rebound – Kawme Alexander
Cloudbursting- Marlorie Blackman
Long Way Down- Jason Reynolds
The Poet X - Elizabeth Acevedo