

City of Norwich School English Department

Suggested wider reading for students in years 7-9

In addition to this general list, every half term in the homework booklets we will give suggestions for wider reading around the topic we are working on.

Series to get stuck in to

Northern Lights Series/ The Book of Dust Series Philip Pullman- also by him, the Sally Lockhart detective series

Narnia series- CS Lewis

Harry Potter series- JK Rowling

The Last Wild series- Piers Torday

The Hunger Games- Suzanne Collins

Divergent- Veronica Roth

Percy Jackson series- Rick O Riordan

The Graces/The Curses- Laurie Eve

Noughts and Crosses series- Malorie Blackman

Chaos Walking series (The Knife of Never Letting Go)- Patrick Ness

Across the Nightingale Floor series- Liam Hearn

Discworld series- Terry Pratchett

Nevermoor series- Jessica Townsend

Once series- Morris Gleitzman

Stormbreaker series- Anthony Horowitz

Cherub series- Robert Muchamore

Young Bond series- Charlie Higson

Mortal Engines- Phillip Reeve

Amazing authors

Malorie Blackman- Noughts and Crosses/Pig Heart Boy/ GAMER

Frank Cottrell Boyce- Millions, Cosmic

Michael Morpurgo- Private Peaceful, War Horse

Sarah Crossan – Toffee/One/Moonrise/Weight of Water/ Apple and Rain

Frances Hardinge- Cuckoo Song/ The Lie Tree/Skinful of Shadows

Angie Thomas- The Hate U Give/ On the Come Up

John Green - Paper Towns/The Fault in Our Stars

Marcus Sedgwick- Revolver, My Swordhand is Singing, Voyages in the Underworld of Orpheus Black

Neil Gaiman- The Graveyard Book, Coraline

Anthony Horowitz- Horowitz horror stories and retold myths

Alan Gibbons- Shadow of the Minotaur / An Act of Love

Darren Shan- Cirque du Freak, etc

Katherine Rundell- Rooftoppers/The Wolf Wilder

Fantastic recent reads

A Monster Calls- Ness/O'Dowd - about a boy, Connor, dealing with loss, and a giant talking tree?

Wonder- RJ Palachio - also a film, a story about identity, difference and the importance of being kind

Holes-Louis Sachar- an absolute classic, loved by all who read it, the story of Stanley Yelnats and Camp Green Lake

The Lies We Tell Ourselves- Robin Talley- follows two girls' stories- one is one of the first black students ever to attend a previously whites only school in 1950s America.

How I Live Now- Meg Rossoff - What if there was a war in Britain, now?

Patron Saints of Nothing- Randy Ribay- A boy's journey to deal with the loss of his cousin in the Philippines

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Mark Haddon- The funny, sad story of Christopher, who turns detective when the neighbour's dog is killed.... with unintended consequences

Things a Bright Girl Can Do- Sally Nicholls- Follows three girls from very different backgrounds who become suffragettes

After The Fire- Will Hill- The story of a girl growing up in a cult community in the US

Long Way Down- Jason Reynolds- Should you take revenge? An eye for an eye?

My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece- Annabel Pitcher- How a family copes (or doesn't) with the death of a daughter in a terrorist attack. Told through the eyes of the little brother

Moth Girls- Anne Cassidy- Three girls go into a house one night- only two come out.. what happened?

Stepsister- Jenifer Donnelley- What happened to the 'wicked' stepsisters after Cinderella left? This modern fairy story tells the tale of one of them

Rebound- Kwame Alexander- A coming of age story about basketball, family and finding yourself

The Boy at the Back of the Class, Onjali Q. Raúf- The story of Syrian refugee, Ahmet, and his new friend's attempts to reunite him with his family

The Book Thief- Marcus Zusack- Set in wartime Germany, the story of Liesel, Rudy and Max... as told by Death

The Poet X- Elizabeth Acevedo- A young Latino teenager starts to discover her identity and her passion, against a lot of opposition

Face- Benjamin Zephaniah- One boy makes a snap decision that alters his life forever

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20th Century classics

And Then There Were None- Agatha Christie

To Kill A Mockingbird- Harper Lee

Lord of the Flies- William Golding

The Midwich Cuckoos/ Chocky/The Chrysalids/The Day of the Triffids- John Wyndham

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy- Douglas Adams

The Hobbit/Lord of the Rings- JRR Tolkien

The Eagle of the Ninth- Rosemary Sutcliff

The Dark is Rising- Susan Cooper

A Wizard of Earthsea- Ursula Le Guin

The Box of Delights- John Masefield

The Secret Diary of/Growing Pains of Adrian Mole – Sue Townsend

The Giver- Lois Lowry

Classics- good novels to start with..

Pride and Prejudice- Jane Austen

Jane Eyre- Charlotte Bronte

Little Women- Louisa May Alcott

Oliver Twist- Charles Dickens

The War of the Worlds- HG Wells