

YEAR 8 READING LIST Reach for the Stars *

KEY: # Developing Readers

*** Confident Readers**

Classics

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Hobbit: JRR Tolkien
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde: Robert Louis Stevenson *
The War of the World: HG Wells abridged #
Oliver Twist: Charles Dickens
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland: Lewis Carroll

Life ... The BIG Issues

This Careless Life: Rachel McIntyre
One: Sarah Crossan
Looking for JJ: Anne Cassidy
Boys Don't Cry: Malorie Blackman
Know My Place: Eve Ainsworth #
Life on the Refrigerator Door: Alice Kuipers #
When Shadows Fall: Sita Brahmachari
There Will Be Lies: Nick Lake *
Jessica's Ghost: Andrew Norriss
The Day I Met Suzie: Chris Higgins
Silence is Goldfish: Annabel Pitcher
Paradise on Fire: Jewell Parker Rhodes
Rook series: Anthony McGowan #
Brace Mouth, False Teeth: Sita Brahmachari #
Tender: Eve Ainsworth #
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole: Sue Townsend
What the Eye Can't See: Penny Joelson
Shades of Scarlet: Anne Fine
Curious Incident of the Dog in Night-Time: Mark Haddon
Needle: Patrice Lawrence #

Fantasy

A Skinful of Shadows: Frances Hardinge *
Girl. Boy. Sea: Chris Vick
Frozen Charlotte: Alex Bell
His Dark Materials series: Philip Pullman *
The Alchemyst: Michael Scott
The Girl of Ink and Stars: Kiran Millwood
My Swordhand is Singing: Marcus Sedgwick
The Nest: Kenneth Oppel #

Time Traveller

Chaos Walking trilogy: Patrick Ness *
When the World Was Ours: Liz Kessler
Uglies series: Scott Westerfeld
The Declaration: Gemma Malley
Private Peaceful: Michael Morpurgo #
War Horse: Michael Morpurgo #
After the Fire: Will Hill
Things a Bright Girl Can Do: Sally Nicholls *
Coram Boy: Jamila Gavin
Maggot Moon: Sally Gardner
Chains: Laurie Halse Anderson *
Salt to the Sea: Ruta Sepetys *
The Road of Bones: Anne Fine
A Gathering Light: Jennifer Donnelly *
The Blue Book of Nebo: Manon Steffan Ros

Other Cultures

Tsunami Girl: Julian Sedgwick
The Door of No Return: Kwame Alexander *
The Other Side of Truth: Beverley Naidoo
Running on Roof of the World: Jess Butterworth #
Red Leaves: Sita Brahmachari *
Black Brother, Black Brother: Jewell Parker Rhodes
I Am Malala: Malala Yousafzai
I Am Malala: Extraordinary Lives series #
King of Nothing: Nathanael Lessore
Run Rebel: Manjeet Mann

Action-Packed

Numbers: Rachel Ward
Show Us Who You Are: Elle McNicoll
Torn: Cat Clarke
The Lost and the Found: Cat Clarke
Moth Girls: Anne Cassidy
Girl on a Plane: Miriam Moss
Blood Ties: Sophie McKenzie
The Castle: Sophia Bennett
Mondays Are Murder series: Tanya Landman #
Close Your Pretty Eyes: Sally Nicholls