

English Language Recommended Reading List

Suggested reading list and resources for KS3

- Read a variety of non-fictional texts e.g. broadsheet newspapers
- KS3 BBC English Bitesize
- Bedrock

Suggested reading list and resources for KS4

- Reading a range of non-fiction (literary and non-literary non-fiction) and fictional texts - use of extended reading lists provided
- Studying past papers on the AQA website

Recommended Reads: Years 7/8

Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Rooker by John Boyne
Bodyguard or *The Soul Hunters* (& sequels) -C Bradford
Mortal Chaos or *Lie, Kill, Walk Away* by M Dickinson *(!)
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (!)
Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman
Hide and Seeker by Daka Hermon
Murder in Midwinter by Fleur Hitchcock
High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson
I Have No Secrets by Penny Joelson (!)
The Long Weekend by Savita Kalhan
Don't Doubt the Rainbow by Anthony Kessel
Eight Pieces of Silva/Splinters of Sunshine-Lawrence* (!)
Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean* (!)
Hide & Secrets or *Girl Missing* (& sequels) by S McKenzie
Edge of Extinction by Laura Martin
The Recruit or *Robin Hood* (& sequels) - R Muchamore*
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman
Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper or *The Explorer* by K Rundell
Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) by Robin Stevens
Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick*

The Extinction Trials or *The Infinity Files* by SM Wilson*

Animal Fiction

The One and Only Ivan by K Applegate (gorillas)

The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell (sharks) (!)

Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole (dogs)

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold (polar bear)

A Street Dog Named Pup by Gill Lewis (dogs) (!)

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo (horses) (!)

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry (wolves)

Pax by Sarah Pennypacker (foxes) (!)

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (dogs) (!)

Cat Tales: True Stories of Fantastic Felines- P Rich (cats)

Varjak Paw by SF Said (cats)

I, Cosmo by Carlie Sorosiak (dogs)

Dreaming the Bear by Mimi Thebo (grizzly bears)

The Dog Who Saved the World by Ross Welford (dogs)

Environment & Climate Change

Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari

World Burn Down by Steve Cole (SR)

Breathe by Sarah Crossan

Melt by Ele Fountain

Squirm, Flush, Chomp or *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

FloodWorld & DustRoad by Tom Huddleston

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

Moon Bear or *White Dolphin* by Gill Lewis (!)

The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea - B Macdibble (!)

Between Sea and Sky & World Turns Wild by N Penfeld

Here in the Real World by Sarah Pennypacker (!)

Dry by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman (!)

The Summer We Turned Green by William Sutcliffe

No One is Too Small to Make a Difference- G Thunberg

Harklights by Tim Tilley

The Last Wild (& sequels) by Piers Torday

Dystopian & Science Fiction

The Infinite (& sequels) by Patience Agbabi

The Middler or *Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum

The Last Human by Lee Bacon

Ink by Alice Broadway*

City of Rust by Gemma Fowler

Gone or *BRZK* (& sequels) -Michael Grant*

How I Saved the World in a Week by Polly Ho-Yen

Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake*

The Giver and ***Gathering Blue*** by Lois Lowry* (!)

The Supreme Lie by Geraldine McCaughrean (!)

Show Us Who You Are by Elle McNicholl

No Man's Land by Joanna Nadin

The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)-P Ness *(!)

Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)-P Reeve (!)

Scythe, Unwind (& sequels) – N Shusterman *(!)

Destination Earth by Ali Sparkes

Contagion or ***Slated*** (& sequels) by Teri Terry*

The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford

The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

The House With Chicken Legs & Girl/Bear -S. Anderson

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo*

Asha & The Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi*

Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans

Ranger's Apprentice or ***Brotherband*** - J Flanagan

Inkheart (& sequels) or ***Reckless*** by Cornelia Funke (!)

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (!)

Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin (!)

Rumaysa: A Fairytale by Radiya Hafiza

Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy

Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)

Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy

Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini

Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher –Chris Priestley

Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman *(!)

Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell (SR)

Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children -Riggs

Alcatraz & Evil Librarians (& sequels) by B Sanderson

Zom-B or ***Cirque du Freak*** (& sequels) by D. Shan

Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard

Black Panther the Young Prince by Roland L Smith

Fear Street by RL Stine

The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell

Children of the Quicksands by Efua Traore

Graphic Novels (GN), Short Stories (SS), Verse Novels (VN), Super-Readables (SR)

Booked, Crossover, Rebound y Kwame Alexander (VN)

Gamer (& sequels) by Chris Bradford (SR)

El Deafo by Cece Bell (GN)
Jon for Short by Malorie Blackman (SR)
Worst Case Collin by Rebecca Caprara (VN)
Mind Writer by Steve Cole (SR)
New Kid* or *Class Act by Jerry Craft (GN)
Grave Matter by Juno Dawson (SR)
Stat Man by Alan Durant (SR)
Edgar & Adolf by Phil Earle & Michael Wagg (SR)
Flying Lessons & Other Stories ed by Ellen Oh (SS)
Coraline: Graphic Novel by Neil Gaiman & C Russell (GN)
The Greatest (Muhammed Ali) by Alan Gibbons (SR)
Amazons, Abolitionists and Activitists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Rights -Mikki Kendall (GN)
Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi (GN)
Rat by Patrice Lawrence (SR)
In the Key of the Code by Aimee Lucido (VN)
I am Minotaur by Anthony McGowan (SR)
Run Rebel by Manjeet Mann (VN)*
145th Street: Short Stories by Walter Dean Myers
White Bird by RJ Palacio (GN)
Unboxed by Non Pratt
Miles Morales: Spider Man by Jason Reynolds (GN)
Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (SS)
Pumpkin Heads by Rainbow Rowell (GN)
Dark Peak by Marcus Sedgwick (SR)
Operation Frog Effect by Sara Scheerger
Dracula by Bram Stoker retold by Burgan & Ruiz (GN)
The Small Things by Lisa Thompson (SR)
Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure) -Tracey Turner (SR)
Stargazing by Jen Wang (GN)

Humorous books

Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties - Humza Arshad
Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy by Frank C Boyce
The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels) by Max Brallier
Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire(&more)-T.Collins
The 13-Storey Treehouse (& series) by A Griffiths
How to Survive Without Grownups by Larry Hayes
Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy... by Konnie Huq
Enginerds (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner
Disaster Diaries: Zombies (&sequels)-R McGeddon
The Accidental Series by Tom McLaughlin
The World of Norm series by Jonathon Meres
Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis
Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates—Pearson (!)
The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter

Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)
Something I Said by Ben Bailey Smith
Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce
The Day the Screens Went Blank by Danny Wallace

The Immigrant Experience & Refugees

No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton
Efren Divided by Ernesto Cisneros (!)
Illegal by Eoin Colfer (GN)
Boy, Everywhere by A.M. Dassu (!)
Boy 87 by Ele Fountain
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion (!)
The Island by Armin Greder (PB for older readers)
Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird
When Stars Are Scattered by Jamieson & Mohamed (GN)
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (VN) (!)
The Crossing by Manjeet Mann* (VN)
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
The Red Pencil by Andrea David Pinkney
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Arrival by Shaun Tan (PB for older readers)
Other Words For Home by Jasmine Warga (VN)
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
The Windrush Child or **Refugee Boy***-B Zephaniah

Relationships & Tough Situations

Cyborg Cat (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan* (!)
Boy Underwater by Adam Baron (!)
Noughts and Crosses* or **Pig-Heart Boy** - M Blackman (!)
Artichoke Hearts or **Jasmine Skies** -S. Brahmachari
A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby
One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee -S Crossan*(!)
Heartbeat by Sharon Creech
Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow by B Dean
Stella By Starlight or **Blended** by Sharon Draper (!)
Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant
Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy - P Earle
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright -Chris Edge
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine (!)
Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies by A. Fine
Lenny's Book of Everything by Karen Foxlee
Check Mates & The Perfect Parent Project by S Foster (!)
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten (!)
George or ***Rick*** by Alex Gino
Tall Story or ***Shine*** by Candy Gourlay
The Island at the End of Everything by KM Hargrave(!)
After the Fire by Will Hill*(!)
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
Red Sky in the Morning or ***Secret Friends*** -E Laird (!)
Scarlet Ibis, Swan Song, or Eagle Warrior (SR) - G Lewis
Rain Reign by Ann M Martin
Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark by Anthony McGowan *(!)
A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicholl (!)
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (!)
No Fixed Address or ***Word Nerd*** – Susin Nielsen*(!)
Wonder or ***Pony*** by R.J. Palacio (!)
Pax or ***Here in the Real World*** - S Pennypacker (!)
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee
The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Rauf (!)
Long Way Down (VN or GN) by Jason Reynolds *(!)
Ghost Boys or ***Black Brother[...]*** Jewell P Rhodes (!)
Can You See Me or ***Do You Know Me***–Scott & Westcott
The Marvels or ***Wonderstruck*** by Brian Selznick (1/2 GN)
The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla*(!)
Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli *(!)
Clean Getaway or ***Fast Pitch*** by Nic Stone
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas* (!)
Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
The 1000 Year Old Boy or ***Time/Hamster*** - Ross Welford
A Boy Called Hope or ***Ocean/Armchair*** - by L Williamson
Brown Girl Dreaming or ***Harbor Me*** - J Woodson*(!)

Sports

Booked, Crossover or Rebound – K. Alexander* (!)
Unstoppable or ***Man of the Match*** - Dan Freedman
Kick by Mitch Johnson
The Fix by Sophie McKenzie
The Greatest: Muhammed Ali by Walter D Myers*
Ultimate Football Heroes Collection – M&T Oldfield
Football Academy or ***Foul Play*** series–Tom Palmer
Becoming Muhammed Ali by J Patterson & K Alexander
Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series) by Bali Rai
Gloves Off by Louisa Reid* (VN)
Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu (Track series) by J Reynolds
Macbeth United: A Football Tragedy by Michael Rosen

Outcasts United (young people edition) -W. St John
The Football Boy Wonder (& sequels) - Martin Smith
Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary Schmidt* (!)

History, War & Conflict

Soldier Dog or **A Horse Called Hero** - Sam Angus
Unbound by Anne Burg*(VN)
The Short Knife by Elen Caldecott* (!)
Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven -Dowswell
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper* (!)
The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery (!)
When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle (WWII)
Under a War-Torn Sky or **Suspect Red** y L.M. Elliott
Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman
Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay (!)
Grenade, Ground Zero or **Prisoner B-3087** - Alan Gratz*
The Goose Road by Rowena House
Race to the Frozen North, 1783, Blade and Bones or **Sawbones** by Catherine Johnson (!)
When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler*
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen* (!)
Crusade by Elizabeth Laird
Buffalo Soldier, Apache or **Lightning Strike**- T Landman*
Dog Tags: Semper Fido or **Strays** by C A London*
Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story by P Lawrence
The Skylarks' War or **The Swallows' Flight**- H McKay
Red Stars by Davide Morosinotto*
Shadow or **In the Mouth of the Wolf** -Morpurgo
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers*
After the War, Armistice Runner or **Over/Line**-T Palmer
Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story or **The Royal Rebel: The Life of Suffragette Princess Sophia Singh** by Bali Rai
Salt to the Sea or **Fountains of Silence** by R Sepetys *(!)
Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe (!)
The Land or **Roll of Thunder** by Mildred D Taylor*
Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle* (!)
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak* (!)

* = Content is slightly more mature

! = Mrs Visser's favourite reads

KS4 Reading List- Challenging Texts

Classic Short Stories

'The Signal-Man' Author: Charles Dickens: 1866

'The Happy Prince' Author: Oscar Wilde: 1888

'The Magic Shop', 'The Dorr in the Wall' Author: H.G. Wells: 1903

'The Gift of the Magi' Author: O. Henry: 1906

'*Désirée's Baby*' Author: Kate Chopin: 1893

'*The Body Snatcher*' Author: Robert Louis Stevenson: 1884

'*The Yellow Wallpaper*' Author: Charlotte Perkins Gilman: 1892

'*The Tell-Tale Heart*', '*The Masque of the Red Death*', '*The Murders in the Rue Morgue*' Author: Edgar Allan Poe: 1843

'*B24*' Author: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: 1899

'*The Thing in the Weeds*' Author: William Hope Hodgson:

'*To Build a Fire*' Author: Jack London: 1908

'*The Monkey's Paw*' Author: W.W. Jacobs: 1902

'*A Haunted House*' Author: Virginia Woolf

'*Shooting an Elephant*' Author: George Orwell

'*A Sound of Thunder*' Author: Ray Bradbury

'*The Skull*' Author: Philip K. Dick

'*The Hanging Stranger*' Author: Philip K. Dick

'*The Mechanical Butterfly*' Author: Nathaniel Hawthorne

'*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*' Author: Washington Irving

<https://www.classicshorts.com/>

Some Longer but equally amazing novels

'The Time Machine', 'War of the Worlds' Author: H. G. Wells

'*Frankenstein*' Author: Mary Shelley

'*Dracula*' Author: Bram Stoker



Anchored in Christ

'Jane Eyre' Charlotte Bronte

'Wuthering Heights' Emily Bronte

'The Historian' Author: Elizabeth Kostova

'1984' Author: George Orwell

'Sherlock Holmes' Author: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

'Kidnapped' Author: Robert Louis Stevenson

'The Portrait of Dorian Grey' Author: Oscar Wilde

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