

Year 7 "Recommended Reading" List



ACTION AND ADVENTURE

Bradford, Chris	The Way of the Warrior (Young Samurai series)	Jack is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan in 1611. Rescued by a legendary sword master, his only hope is to become a samurai warrior. His training begins...
Carter, Ally	I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You (Gallagher Girls series)	The Gallagher Academy claims to be a girls' school for geniuses, but is really a school for spies!
Collins, Suzanne	The Hunger Games (Hunger Games trilogy)	Katniss represents her 'district' in the annual live televised Hunger Games - it is considered a death sentence, only one of the 24 contestants will survive.
Delaney, Joseph	Spook's Apprentice (Wardstone Chronicles series)	Thomas is apprenticed to the local Spook, learning how to battle ghosts, witches & boggarts. Can he fight the evil?
Heath, Jack	Money Run	What would you do for \$200 million? Break into a top security skyscraper, drive a sports car off the roof, take on a hitman? Teen thieves Ash and Benjamin do it all!
Higson, Charlie	Silverfin (Young Bond series)	Thirteen year old James Bond embarks on his first heroic adventures.
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)	Adventures of Alex Rider, trainee spy.
Muchamore, Robert	The Recruit (CHERUB series)	CHERUB is a network of child spies - they live in the real world, slip under adult radar, and get information that sends criminals & terrorists to jail.
Ryan, Chris	Agent 21	When teenage Zak's parents die in a mass murder, a government agency enlists him to be Agent 21.
Voake, Steve	Fightback	Kier's father is dead, the police want to arrest him, and the bad guys want to kill him - he has to fight back!
Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E. (H.I.V.E. series)	The Higher Institute of Villainous Education is a top secret school where children develop their talents.

HUMOUR

Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Desirable	George is a social reject, but the mysterious bottle of aftershave makes him irresistible to women. How will he cope with his new-found popularity?
Cowell, Cressida	How To Train Your Dragon (Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III series)	The story of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III's rise to fame, through his dragon-training exploits.
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Diary of a Wimpy Kid series)	Greg adjusts to a new school with his not-so-cool sidekick Rowley. When Rowley rises in popularity their friendship is tested with hilarious results!
Lawrence, Michael	The Poltergoose (Jiggy McCue Series)	When Jiggy moves house strange things happen - he's haunted by a goose! Only his friends believe him, so they set out to discover what the goose wants.
Meres, Jonathan	World of Norm: May Contain Nuts (World of Norm series)	12 year old Norm has just reluctantly moved house, has two very annoying younger brothers and is broke. Life, according to Norm, is just 'so unfair!' Teenage woes!
Norris, Andrew	Control Z	Alex receives a computer from his godfather which can send him to an earlier part of the day by pressing Control Z!
Pichon, Liz	The Brilliant World of Tom Gates (Tom Gates series)	Tom is the master of excuses for late homework. His exercise book is full of doodles, cartoons & thoughts. Will Amy, the girl he fancies, ever notice him?
Walliams, David	The Billionaire Boy	Joe is the wealthiest 12 year old in the land, but he's unhappy and friendless. When someone appears who likes Joe for being Joe, lessons are learnt!

FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Hopkins, Cathy	Mates Dates and Inflatable Bras (Mates Dates series)	The funny world of Izzie and her wacky school chums.
Ibbotson, Eva	Journey to the River Sea	Mia, an orphan, goes to start a new life with relatives she has never met, a thousand miles up the Amazon river.
McKay, Hilary	Saffy's Angel (Casson Family Series)	When Saffron discovers she's adopted, her family help her search for a stone angel her grandfather bequeathed her.
Palacio, R J	Wonder	Auggie has a disfigured face, but inside he's like everyone else.
Pitcher, Annabel	My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece	Ten year old Jamie narrates the tragedy of how a terrorist attack tears his family apart, and the process of rebuilding their lives.
Rennison, Louise	Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging (Confessions of Georgia Nicholson series)	Often hilarious diaries of a confused teenager.
Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl	Stargirl is shunned for everything that makes her different, but Leo struggles with his feelings for her.

SPORT

Cattell, Bob	Glory in the Cup (Glory Gardens series)	A cricket team is set up - a must for cricket fans, as they follow the trials and tribulations of the team.
Freedman, Dan	The Kick Off (Jamie Johnson series)	Can Jamie prove he is good enough for the football team?
Gibbons, Alan	Some You Win (Total Football series)	Kev has a reputation to live up to and when he takes over as captain of the Rough Diamonds he pulls the team up from the bottom of the league.
Hamilton, Bethany	Soul Surfer	True story of a girl who lost her arm in a shark attack and her determination to surf again.
Higgins, Chris	Pride and Penalties	Charlotte just wants to play rugby and for her Dad to be proud of her.

GHOST AND HORROR

Edge, Christopher	The Dead Ways	Ghostly apparitions on abandoned motorways and corpses escaping from hospital morgues - the ancient Dead Ways are opening! Supernatural thriller.
McNish, Cliff	Breathe: A Ghost Story	Jack has always been sensitive to the supernatural and now his powers are tested in a haunted house.
Meyer, Stephanie	Twilight (Twilight saga)	Bella is certain of three things: Edward is a vampire, he thirsts for her blood, and she is in love with him.
Rees, Celia	Witch Child (Witch Child series)	Mary's grandmother is executed for witchcraft and she is forced to flee to America to avoid the same fate. Set in the 18th century
Shan, Darren	Cirque Du Freak (Saga of Darren Shan series)	Darren is an ordinary schoolboy until he is invited to attend the Cirque du Freak. He gets caught up in a web of terror he cannot escape! A vampire saga...
Swindells, Robert	The Shade of Hettie Daynes	Is that really a ghost at the old reservoir? And what is the mystery of Hettie Daynes?

MYSTERY AND THRILLERS

Dhami, Narinder	Bang Bang You're Dead	A school is evacuated when a mysterious gunman takes a class hostage. Mia stays, she thinks she knows him!
Dowd, Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery	Ted and Kate watch their cousin step onto the London Eye, but then he disappears. Ted's Asperger's abilities make him an excellent detective.
Glover, Sandra	Message from Mia	Mia is in a coma after falling downstairs, then her brother receives strange texts. Was it an accident?
McKenzie, Sophie	Girl, Missing (Girl Missing series)	Lauren knew she was adopted, but was she kidnapped by her parents? Can she find her biological family?
Rose, Malcolm	Kiss of Death	On a trip to the plague village of Eyam, some students steal some coins. Is Eyam's past seeking revenge?

FANTASY

Golding, Julia	Secret of the Sirens (Companions Quartet series)	Mythical creatures exist. Connie has always been able to communicate with animals, but can she stop these creatures who wish to wipe out humanity?
Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant (Skulduggery Pleasant series)	He's a wise-cracking detective, a powerful magician, and the sworn enemy of evil.
Nicholson, William	The Wind Singer (Wind on Fire series)	An ancient map directs the quest for the voice of the wind singer.
Nix, Garth	Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom series)	Seven days. Seven keys. Seven virtues. Seven sins. One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world – where one boy is about to venture and unlock a number of fantastical secrets.
Paolini, Chris	Eragon (Inheritance series)	A farm boy discovers his destiny as a Dragon Rider.
Paver, Michelle	Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series)	Torak's father is killed by a demon in the shape of a bear, so sets off on a quest for revenge. A tale of adventure and superstition set in prehistoric times.
Pullman, Philip	Northern Lights (His Dark Materials series)	Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon journey north to find her friend Roger, as rumours spread that scientists perform unspeakable experiments on captured children.
Reeve, Philip	Mortal Engines (Mortal Engines series)	Set in a futuristic world, roving cities trawl the globe with the strong preying on the weak. Tom and Hester are thrown out of London and are desperate to get back on board.
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series)	He's half boy and half god - can he stop the war of the gods?
Sage, Angie	Magyk (Septimus Heap series)	A mix of magic, wizardry and evil, excellent for Harry Potter fans.
Stroud, Jonathan	The Amulet of Samarkand (Bartimaeus series)	The magician's apprentice summons the djinni Bartimaeus.

WAR

Boyne, John	The Boy in Striped Pyjamas	A tale of friendship and the horrors of war seen through the eyes of two young boys.
Gleitzman, Morris	Once (Once series)	Felix sets off on a mission to find his parents during World War II. A tale of friendship and hope.
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	"Tommo" Peaceful recalls his childhood from the battlefields. World War I trench novel.
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight Mister Tom	Willie is evacuated during World War II, and sent to live with gruff Tom Oakley. An unlikely friendship develops, helping both of them heal old wounds.
Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief	A 10yr year old orphan girl steals books in Nazi Germany in a story narrated by Death. A story about life, love and words.

CLASSICS

Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	When Alice follows the White Rabbit down a rabbit hole she enters a world of strange scenes and remarkable characters.
Coolidge, Susan	What Katy Did (Katy series)	Katy is untidy, tall & gangly. An accidental fall brings disaster, but her courage and humour help her cope with misfortune.
Lewis, C S	The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (Chronicles of Narnia series)	Four children step through a wardrobe and enter the frozen land of Narnia. When all hope is lost the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change and sacrifice.
Tolkien, J R R	The Hobbit	Bilbo Baggins likes his home comforts, but finds himself sent on a quest by the wizard Gandalf, alongside 13 dwarves. They search for stolen treasure, guarded by the dragon Smaug.