

***Below is a selection of books which are suitable for KS3 students. Included in the YR 7 and YR 8 lists are some books which may be more challenging – these are the Upper Year (UY) books. If you would like your son/daughter to have access to these books please ensure that you sign and return the permission slip. We encourage our students to read within their Accelerated Reader book levels in order to develop their inferencing skills, grow their word banks, enjoy reading the books as they will understand them, and also successfully complete the book quiz when they have finished reading the book. However, we also understand that there are students who already have a wide knowledge of different genres and who will need to have access to higher level books. New Accelerated Reader books are regularly added to the AR system.***

## **Year 7 Suggested Reading List**

### **Adventure**

Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz. BL 5.1 UY Points 7.0  
Lion Boy - Zouzou Corder – Non AR  
Cold Tom - Sally Prue. BL 4.4 MY Points 4.0  
Troy - Adele Gèras. BL 4.9 UY Points 13.0  
The Thief Lord - Cornelia Funke. BL 4.8 MY Points 13.0  
The Moon Riders - Theresa Tomlinson – Non AR  
Castaways of the Flying Dutchman - Brian Jacques. BL 5.2 MY Points 15.0  
Alpha Force Series - Chris Ryan. – Non AR

### **Classics**

The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett. BL 6.3 UY Points 13.0  
Carrie's War - Nina Bawden. BL 5.3 MY Points 6.0  
A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens. BL 6.7 MY Points 5.0  
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll. BL 7.4 MY Points 5.0  
The Lost World - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. BL 7.8 UY Points 13.0  
The Railway Children - Elizabeth Nesbit. BL 5.5 UY Points 9.0  
The Hobbit - J R R Tolkien. BL 6.6 UY Points 16.0  
The Water Babies - Charles Kingsley. – Non AR  
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell. BL 7.7 MY Points 11.0  
Ballet Shoes - Noel Streatfield. BL 5.7 MY Points 9.0  
The Wizard of Oz - Frank Baum. BL 7.0 MY Points 7.0  
Pollyanna - Eleanor H. Porter. BL 5.2 MY Points 8.0  
Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery. BL 7.3 UY Points 17.0  
The Little House on the Prairie - Laura Ingalls Wilder. BL 4.9 MY Points 8.0  
Peter Pan - J. M. Barrie. BL 7.7 MY Points 8.0

## **Real Life-Teenage**

The Princess Diaries - Meg Cabot. BL 5.7 UY Points 9.0  
Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman. BL 4.0 UY Points 14.0  
Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah. BL 5.6 UY Points 10.0  
Madame Doubtfire - Anne Fine. – Non AR  
Plague 99 - Jean Ure. BL 5.2 UY Points 7.0  
Granny the Pag - Nina Bawden. BL 5.3 MY Points 7.0  
Step by Wicked Step - Anne Fine. BL 4.2 MY Points 4.0  
Just Don't Make a Scene Mum! - Rosie Rushton. BL 5.7 UY Points 6.0  
Mates, Dates & Sole Survivors - Cathy Hopkins. BL 4.2 UY Points 5.0  
Saffy's Angel - Hilary McKay. BL 4.5 MY Points 6.0  
Lola Rose - Jacqueline Wilson. BL 4.0 UY Points 9.0  
Vicky Angel - Jacqueline Wilson. BL 4.0 MY Points 5.0  
The Story of Tracy Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson. BL 4.4 MY Points 4.0  
Feeling Sorry for Celia - Jaclyn Moriarty. BL 5.7 UY Points 9.0

## **Fantasy**

Moon Riders - Teresa Tomlinson. Non AR  
Northern Lights - Philip Pullman. BL 6.2 UY Points 19.0  
Stormchasers - Stewart & Riddell. Non AR  
Redwall - Brian Jacques. BL 5.6 MY Points 16.0  
The Hobbit - JRR Tolkien. BL 6.6 UY Points 16.0  
The Earthsea Quartet - Ursula Le Guin. Non AR  
Inkheart - Cornelia Funke. BL 5.4 MY Points 23.0  
Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer. BL 5.0 MY Points 9.0  
A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket. Non AR  
The Spiderwick Chronicles - Tony Di Terlizzi & Holly Black. Non AR  
Cry of the Icemark - Stuart Hill. Non AR  
The Blade of Fire - Stuart Hill. BL 6.3 MY Points 1.0  
The Wind of Fire Trilogy - William Nicholson. Non AR  
Harry Potter - J.K. Rowling. BL 6.0 – 7.2 MY & UY Points vary  
Narnia - C.S. Lewis. BL 5.4 – 5.9 MY Points vary  
Watership Down - Richard Adams. BL 6.2 UY Points 25.0  
The Named - Marianne Curley. BL 5.3 MY Points 13.0  
The Edge Chronicles - Stewart & Riddell. Non AR

## **Biography-Autobiography**

Diary of Anne Frank. BL 6.5 UY Points 14.0  
A Child Called 'It' - David Pelzer. BL 5.8 UY Points 5.0  
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr. Non AR  
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah. BL 5.7 UY Points 8.0  
All Creatures Great and Small - James Herriot. BL 6.8 UY Points 26.0

## **Science Fiction**

Plague 99 - Jean Ure. BL 5.2 UY Points 7.0

## **History**

The Wheel of Surya - Jamila Gavin. BL 5.9 MY Points 14.0

Kiss the Dust - Elizabeth Laird. BL 5.1 UY Points 10.0

The Ruby in the Smoke - Philip Pullman (first of the Sally Lockhart trilogy set in Victorian London).  
BL 5.3 UY Points 9.0

Roman Mysteries Series - Caroline Lawrence Sweet. BL 4.8-5.1 MY Points vary

Sweet Clarinet - James Riordan. BL 6.4 MY Points 6.0

The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier. BL 5.5 MY Points 6.0

I Coriander - Sally Gardner. BL 5.5 MY Points 10.0

## **Life Issues**

Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech. BL 4.9 MY Points 9.0

Vicky Angel - Jacqueline Wilson. BL 4.0 MY Points 5.0

Chandra - Mary Hendry. BL 5.1 UY Points 5.0

## **Prize winners**

Ruby Holler - Sharon Creech. BL 4.3 MY Points 6.0

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time - Mark Haddon. BL 5.4 UY Points 10.0

Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce. BL 4.0 MY Points 6.0

## **Funny**

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole - Sue Townsend. BL 5.1 UY Points 7.0

Ally's World (Series) - Karen McCombie. Non AR

Utterly Me,Clarice Bean - Lauren Child. BL 5.5 MY Points 3.0

The Edge Chronicles - Stewart & Riddell. Non AR

My Family and Other Animals - Gerald Durrell Roald Dahl. BL 7.8 UY Points 17.0

## **Other Cultures**

The Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird. BL 4.9 MY Points 12.0

The Other Side of Truth - Beverley Naidoo. BL 5.3 UY Points 9.0

Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah. BL 5.7 UY Points 8.0

Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah. BL 5.6 UY Points 10.0

Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson. BL 5.6 MY Points 12.0

## **Film-TV Titles**

Ella Enchanted - Gail Carson Levine. BL 4.6 MY Points 8.0

Freaky Friday - Mary Rodgers. BL 4.4 Points 4.0

A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket. Non AR

The Story of Tracy Beaker - Jacqueline Wilson. BL 4.4 MY Points 4.0

Woof! - Allan Ahlberg. BL 4.7 MY Points 4.0  
Five Children and It - E. Nesbit. BL 5.7 MY Points 8.0  
The Borrowers - Mary Norton. BL 5.3 MY Points 5.0  
Matilda - Roald Dahl. BL 5.0 MY Points 6.0  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl. BL 4.8 MY Points 5.0  
Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce. BL 4.0 MY Points 6.0  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis. BL 5.7 MY Points 6.0  
Harry Potter (Books 1 -4) - J. K. Rowling. BL 6.0-8.0 MY & UY Points vary

## **Animal Stories**

The Snowgoose - Paul Gallico. Non AR  
Jennie - Paul Gallico. Non AR  
Dumb Creatures - Jeanne Willis. BL 3.6 MY Points 2.0  
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo. BL 4.8 MY Points 4.0

## **Year 8 Suggested Reading List**

### **Historical**

Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo. BL 5.2 MY Points 7.0  
Sweet Clarinet - James Riordan. BL 6.4 MY Points 6.0  
Roman Mysteries - Caroline Lawrence. BL 4.8-5.1 MY Points vary  
Tiger, Tiger - Lynne Reid Banks. BL 5.4 UY Points 7.0  
Petals in the Ashes - Mary Hooper. BL 6.3 MY Points 8.0  
I Coriander - Sally Gardner. BL 5.5 MY Points 10.0  
No Shame, No Fear - Ann Turnbull. BL 5.1 UY Points 9.0

### **Teen Girl**

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen - Dyan Sheldon. Non AR  
Saffy's Angel - Hilary McKay. BL 4.5 MY Points 6.0  
Mates, Dates...Series - Cathy Hopkins. BL 3.7-4.7 UY Points vary  
Skinny Melon and Me - Jean Ure. BL 5.5 MY Points 5.0  
Georgia Nicholson series - Louise Rennison. Non AR  
What a Week to Make A Stand etc - Rosie Rushton. Non AR  
Feeling Sorry for Celia; Finding Cassie Crazy - Jaclyn Moriarty. BL 5.7 UY Points 9.0  
Bhangra Babes - Narinder Dhani. BL 4.3 MY Points 6.0  
Freaky Friday - Mary Rogers. BL 4.4 MY Points 4.0  
The Princess Diaries; Missing series; The Mediator series - Meg Cabot. BL 5.7 UY Points 9.0

### **Classics**

Swiss Family Robinson - J.D. Weiss. BL 9.7 MY Points 23.0  
The Borrowers - Mary Norton. BL 5.3 MY Points 5.0  
Five Children and It - E. Nesbit. BL 5.7 MY Points 8.0  
Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery. BL 7.3 UY Points 17.0

### **Animals**

Deptford Histories Series - Robin Jarvis. BL 6.6-8.2 MY Points vary  
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents - Terry Pratchett. BL 4.3 MY Points 9.0  
Lion Boy - Zizou Corder. Non AR  
Redwall Series - Brian Jacques. BL 5.1-6.3 MY & UY Points vary

## **Biography-Personal Stories-Real Life- Other Cultures**

A Small Person Far Away; When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr. Non AR  
Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah. BL 5.7 UY Points 8.0  
Boy - Roald Dahl. BL 6.0 MY Points 6.0  
A Child Called 'It' - Dave Pelzer. BL 5.8 UY Points 5.0  
Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird. BL 4.9 MY Points 12.0  
Fire Eaters - David Almond. BL 3.6 MY Points 5.0  
Martyn Pig - Kevin Brooks. BL 3.7 UY Points 8.0  
I am David - Anne Holm. BL 5.6 MY Points 8.0  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime - Mark Haddon. BL 5.4 UY Points 10.0

## **Detective Stories**

The Body in the Library etc - Agatha Christie. Non AR  
The Ruby in the Smoke - Philip Pullman. BL 5.3 UY Points 9.0  
Montmorency - Eleanor Updale. BL 7.3 MY Points 8.0

## **Horror- Witchcraft**

Wicca - Cate Tiernan. Non AR  
The Haunting of Alazabel Cray - Chris Wooding. BL 7.1 UY Points 15.0  
The Saga of Darren Shan - Darren Shan. BL vary UY Points vary

## **Other Worlds- Fantasy**

Moon Riders - Teresa Tomlinson. Non AR  
Cry of the Iceberg - Stuart Hill. BL 8.0 MY Points 24.0  
The Blade of Fire - Stuart Hill. BL 6.3 MY Points 1.0  
Stravaganza Series - Mary Hoffman. BL 5.7-6.2 MY & UY Points vary  
His Dark Materials - Philip Pullman. BL 7.5 MY Points 5.0  
Inkheart - Cornelia Funke. BL 5.4 MY Points 23.0  
The Edge Chronicles - Chris Stewart & Philip Riddell. Non AR  
The Goosegirl - Shannon Hale. Non AR  
Eragon - Christopher Paolini. BL 5.6 MY Points 25.0  
A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket. Non AR  
Shadowmancer - G.P. Taylor. BL 5.8 UY Points 15.0  
Mr Monday; Sabriel - Garth Nix. BL 7.3 MY Points 16.0  
The Super naturalist - Eoin Colfer. BL 4.8 MY Points 9.0

## **Funny**

Georgia Nicholson Series - Louise Rennison. Non AR  
Millions - Frank Cottrell Boyce. BL 4.0 MY Points 6.0

## **Year 9 Suggested Reading List**

### **Biography**

Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt. BL 5.9 UY Points 23.0

### **Other Cultures**

Rani & Sukh; (Un)arranged Marriage - Bali Rai. BL 5.4 UY Points 10.0

Noughts & Crosses - Malorie Blackman. BL 4.0 UY Points 14.0

Useful Idiots - Jan Mark. BL 6.7 MY Points 17.0

### **History**

Remembrance - Theresa Breslin. Non AR

### **Teen Girl**

Georgia Nicholson series - Louise Rennison. Non AR

Mates, Dates... - Cathy Hopkins. BL 3.7-4.7 UY Points vary

Lola Rose - Jacqueline Wilson. BL 4.0 UY Points 9.0

Between You and Me - Julia Clarke. BL 4.8 UY Points 7.0

Beauty - Robin McKinley. Non AR

The Mediator series - Meg Cabot. Non AR

### **Issues**

Junk - Melvin Burgess. BL 4.6 UY Points 13.0

Looking for JJ - Anne Cassidy. BL 4.9 UY Points 10.0

The Opposite of Chocolate - Julie Bertagna. BL 5.2 UY Points 8.0

Face – Benjamin Zephaniah. BL 5.3 UY Points 7.0

### **Classics**

Pride & Prejudice - Jane Austen. BL 12.0 UY Points 27.0

Tess of the d'Urbervilles - Thomas Hardy. BL 9.5 UY Points 23.0

Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens. BL 9.7 UY Points 27.0

### **Other Worlds-Fantasy**

Across the Nightingale Floor - Lian Hearn. BL 5.9 UY Points 14

City of Stars; City of Masks - Mary Hoffman. BL 6.1 UY Points 18.0

His Dark Materials - Philip Pullman. BL 7.5 MY Points 5.0

The Wee Free Men - Terry Pratchet. BL 4.7 UY Points 11.0

Sabriel - Garth Nix. BL 7.3 MY Points 16.0

Song of the Lioness Quartet - Tamora Pierce. Non AR

Tales of Shannara - Terry Brooks. Non AR

Discworld - Terry Pratchett. Non AR

I Robot - Isaac Asimov. Non AR

The Gift - Alison Croggans. BL 6.3 MY Points 24.0

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy - JRR Tolkien. BL 6.1-7.9 UY Points vary

Shadowmancer; Wormwood - G.P. Taylor. BL 5.8 UY Points 15.0

### **Adventure**

Alex Rider Novels (Stormbreaker etc) - Anthony Horowitz. Various levels MY&UY Points vary

### **Animals**

White Fang - Jack London. BL 7.4 UY Points 13.0

Jennie - Paul Gallico. Non AR

The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents - Terry Pratchett. BL 4.3 MY Points 9.0