

KS3 Wider Reading Lists

Wider reading is a fundamental part of a child's all-round education, and we try to encourage this at school as part of the key stage 3 English curriculum. In short, reading opens so many doors for students both in school and beyond. Amongst other things, it improves literacy and vocabulary, knowledge of the world, and empathy. The following lists have been produced by English faculty and ILC staff in order to complement the reading that takes place in lessons. The themes under which the books are listed correspond to the titles of the current key stage 3 schemes of learning in English. We hope that students and parents will enjoy selecting and reading some of these suggestions. We appreciate any support that parents can give in encouraging wider reading at home.

Year 7

Stories from Past

Arthur: High King of Britain – Michael Morpurgo

Arthur: The Seeing Stone – Kevin Crossley-Holland

Here Lies Arthur – Philip Reeve

More of a challenge

The Once and Future King – TH White

Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

The Bride's Farewell – Meg Rosoff

King of Shadows – Susan Cooper

Year 8

Sense of Place

The Child's Elephant – Rebecca Campbell-Johnson

The Wall – William Sutcliffe

The Kin – Peter Dickinson

Siberia – Ann Halam

Everybody Jam – Ali Lewis

More of a challenge

Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman

Jock of the Bushveld – Percy Fitzpatrick

Spud – John Van De Ruit

The Call of the Wild – Jack London

The Unforgotten Coat – Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Princess and the Foal – Stacy Gregg

Year 9

Conflict

War Horse - Michael Morpurgo

Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo

The Silver Sword - Ian Serraillier

The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall

Postcards from No Man's Land – Aidan Chambers

Goodnight Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian

Soldier Dog - Sam Angus

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - John Boyne

Maus, Art Spiegelman

Carrie's War – Nina Bowden

I am David - Anne Holm

Code Name Verity – Elizabeth Wein

The Child's Elephant – Rachel Campbell-Johnston

Ghost Hawk – Susan Cooper

In Darkness – Nick Lake

More of a challenge

All Quiet on the Western Front - Erich Maria Remarque

Letters from a Lost Generation – Vera Brittan

The Book Thief – Marcus Zusak