

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

Difficult Choices

Framed – Frank Cottrell Boyce
Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce
(Un)arranged Marriage – Bali Rai
Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman
Holes – Louis Sachar
The Diary of Anne Frank

More of a challenge

Touching the Void – Joe Simpson

Year 8

Visions

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – Mark Haddon
I Capture the Castle – Dodie Smith
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece - Annabel Pitcher
Ghost Hawk – Susan Cooper
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively
A Stitch in Time – Penelope Lively
Skellig – David Almond
My Name is Mina – David Almond
Mondays Are Red – Nicola Morgan

More of a challenge

The Woman in Black – Susan Hill

Year 9

Inequality

The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins
TimeRiders series - Alex Scarrow
Refugee Boy - Benjamin Zephaniah
The Wall - William Sutcliffe
Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman
The Perks of being a Wallflower - Stephen Chobsky
Divergent - Veronica Roth
Stone Cold – Robert Swindells
Wonder – R.J. Palacio
Trash – Andy Mulligan
Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
Chains – Laurie Halse Anderson
Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck
All The Truth That's in Me – Julie Berry
Between Shades of Grey – Ruta Sepetys
More of a challenge
Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens
Hard Times – Charles Dickens
Great Expectations - Charles Dickens
Les Miserables - Victor Hugo
12 Years a Slave - Solomon Northup
The Help - Kathryn Stockett
North and South – Elizabeth Gaskell