

**Reading is the most extraordinary and powerful act** that a student can engage in.

Reading makes it possible to go out into the world as an interesting, thoughtful, sensitive, knowledgeable person; to develop socially, culturally, spiritually and philosophically as well as academically; to be able to express oneself with beauty, clarity, precision and sophistication; and to develop intellectual curiosity, an enquiring mind and – perhaps most importantly – a lifelong love of learning.

Below are lists of books that students, and parents alike, can delve into and explore. If you have a spare moment, even during the upcoming Half Term, pick a book and have a read. Let us know which books you're reading and what you think! Do you have any good book recommendations?

### Books *that will...*

#### *...change the way you think*

- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- A Streetcat Names Bob by James Bowen
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
- Wonder by RJ Palacio
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

#### *...scare you*

- 1984 by George Orwell
- Lord Loss by Darren Shan
- The Rats by James Herbert
- The Shining by Stephen King
- The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks
- Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

*...help you understand you*

- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger
- The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
- I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith
- The Outsiders by SE Hinton

*...make you cry*

- The Colour Purple by Alice Walker
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
- The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
- Before I Die by Jenny Downham
- My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

*...thrill you*

- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- Gone by Michael Grant
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy
- The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins

*...teach you about love*

- We Were Liars by E Lockhart
- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Forever by Judy Blume
- Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
- How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

*...inspire you*

- Letters of Note: Correspondence Deserving a Wider Audience by Shaun Usher
  - Mud, Sweat and Tears by Bear Grylls
  - Penguin Books of World War One Series
    - Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
    - Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
    - Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
  - Touching the Void by Joe Simpson
    - I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

**...make you laugh**

- Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend
- Geek Girl by Holly Smale
- Angus, Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison
- Notes from a Small Island by Bill Bryson

**...transport you**

- Harry Potter series by JK Rowling
- The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien
- Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
  - Life of Pi by Yann Martel
- Northern Lights by Philip Pullman
- The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald

***Happy reading!***