

Reading

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Reading is a vital part of developing student's confidence with writing, obtaining a wider vocabulary and also helping support their mental health. Reading helps students to relax and unwind, as well as helping them to expand their knowledge of the world around them and their passion for different subject areas.

The Book Nook:

The launch of the Book Nook provides students with an opportunity to read for pleasure and for their enjoyment. Students are encouraged to choose books which interest them and to therefore expose themselves to different writers, genres and text types.

Wider reading:

It is important for students to read outside of school to support their learning and to develop their communication skills. It also develops an enjoyment of reading and a broader subject knowledge. For this reason, we would like to offer some recommended books to help students find suitable books to read to promote their learning and to encourage their love of reading.

Obviously this is outside subject specific content, and the school and class teachers have not read every single one of these books - but we hope that it might trigger some interesting finds.

Please see the 'Cross-curricular recommended reading list' and the 'English department's recommended reading list'.

Power up – using reading to achieve your potential:

There are also many online reading materials and educational resources available for enjoyment such as:

- ItunesU is a special section of the app dedicated to amazing podcasts about a variety of different subjects from top universities around the world such as Harvard and Yale.
- TED Talks – Youtube has a wealth of actually useful resources on it. TED talks has clips ranging from 5-30 minutes and the topics are often engaging, strange and motivational.
- The Oak Academy provides free online video lessons, activities and resources.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

- Seneca Learning provides free online materials for various subjects and key stages.

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Power down – using reading to unwind and relax:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>

The School Reading List has recommended reading books for secondary aged students.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

The Book Trust website has an area dedicated to teenage fiction, each book has a picture of the front cover to engage children, and then a hyperlink to a description of the book for more information.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2014/mar/06/world-book-day-ten-best-teen-reads>

Scroll down to the bottom of this website for lists that are divided into categories such as 'books to change the way you think / books to scare you / books to thrill you' with some usual, and more unusual, options.

<https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/teens/top-50-books-for-teens/>

An American booksellers' website, but this has a lot of the most current and popular writers for young adults, such as John Green, Ransom Riggs and James Dashner.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/books/what-to-read/best-childrens-books-ya-fiction-2019-far/>

A list of contemporary writing which addresses really up to date issues relevant to young adults today.