



Bredon Hill Academy  
— LEARNING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS —

## **Recommended Reads for Years 7 & 8**

### **English Department's Favourite Reads**

**The Ship of Shadows (and sequel)** Maria Kuzniar  
**Artemis Fowl** Series E.Colfer  
**The Dark is Rising** S. Cooper  
**The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Wood** S. Halpin  
**The House with Chicken Legs** S. Anderson  
**Booked, Crossover or Rebound** K. Alexander  
**The Girl of Ink and Stars** K Millwood-Hargrave  
**The Hobbit** J.R.R.Tolkien  
**Northern Lights** P. Pullman  
**The Science Book** The Book People  
**Skulduggery Pleasant** Series D. Landy  
**The Lost Words** R.McFarlane and J. Morris  
**Call of the Wild** J. London  
**The Closest Thing to Flying** G. Lewis

### **Action and Thrillers**

**Bodyguard, Young Samurai & sequels; Bullet Catcher**  
or **Gamer** C. Bradford\*  
**Heist Society** or **I'd Tell You I Love You But Then**  
**To Kill You** & sequels A. Carter  
**Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks, The Everest Files, or Lie, Kill,**  
**Walk Away** M. Dickinson  
**The London Eye Mystery** S. Dowd  
**DC Comics: Secret Hero Society** Fridolfs & Nguyen\*  
**Mission Survival** Series B.Grylls\*  
**Silverfin, The Enemy** & series C.Higson  
**Alex Rider** Series A.Horowitz\*  
**Itch** & Series S. Mayo  
**Where the World Ends** G. McCaughrean  
**Girl Missing** S. McKenzie  
**Boy Soldier & Dropzone** & series A. McNab  
**The Recruit** & series R. Muchamore\*  
**Maximum Ride** & series J. Patterson  
**Hatchet** G. Paulson  
**Agent 21** & sequels C. Ryan  
**Night Speakers** or **Carjacked** A. Sparkes  
**Murder Most Unladylike** series R. Stevens  
**Lost** T. Turner\*

### **Classics or Challenging Reads**

**The Time Machine** HG Wells  
**Black Beauty** A Sewell  
**Treasure Island** R. L. Stevenson  
**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** M. Taylor  
**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**  
M. Twain  
**Around The World In 80 Days**  
J. Verne  
**The Sword In The Stone** T.H. White  
**Jane Eyre** C.Bronte  
**Great Expectations** C. Dickens  
**Pride and Prejudice** J. Austen  
**Diary of Anne Frank**  
**Little Women** L M Alcott  
**The Old Man and the Sea** E.Hemingway

### **Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror**

**Cogheart** P. Bunzl  
**Mind Writer** S. Cole\*  
**I'd Have Who Let the Gods Out** M. Evans  
**Ranger's Apprentice** series J. Flanagan  
**Inkheart** series C.Funke  
**The Graveyard Book** N. Gaiman  
**A Skinful of Shadows** F Hardinge  
**Zom-B or Cirque de Freak** D. Shan\*  
**Eragon** & sequels C. Paolini  
**Discworld** & series T. Pratchett  
**Through Dead Eyes** or **Mister Creecher**  
C. Priestley  
**Goth Girl** & sequels C. Riddell\*  
**Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar**  
**Children** R. Riggs  
**Percy Jackson** or **Kane Chronicles**  
R. Riordan  
**The Monsters We Deserve** M. Sedgwick  
**Thunderstruck** or **Unleashed** A.Sparkes\*  
**Finding Sky** & sequels J. Stirling  
**The Edge Chronicles** P. Stewart  
& C. Riddell  
**The Polar Bear Explorers' Club** & sequel  
A. Bell  
**Nevermore & Wundersmith**  
J. Townsend

### Humorous Reads

**Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy** F. C. Boyce  
**The Last Kids on Earth** & sequels M. Brallier  
**Fenway and Hattie** V. Cole\*  
**Adventures of A Wimpy Vampire** T. Collins\*  
**Demolition Dad** & sequels P. Earle  
**Enginerds** & sequels J. Lerner\*  
**Disaster Diaries: Zombies** & sequels R. Mcgeddon\*  
**The Donut Diaries** series A. McGowan\*  
**The Accidental Billionaire** series T. McLaughlin  
**Timmy Failure** series S. Pastis\*  
**Killer Animals** series T. Turner  
**Gangsta Granny** & others D. Walliams\*  
**What to do if you Turn Invisible** R Welford

### Relationships & Tough Situations

**Noughts and Crosses, Cloud Bursting** M. Blackman  
**Blubber** J Blume  
**Artichoke Hearts or Jasmine Skies** S Brahmachari  
**Walk Two Moons** S. Creech  
**Weight of Water** S Crossan  
**Out of My Mind** S. Draper  
**Mind The Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy** P Earle\*  
**The Many Worlds of Albie Bright** & others C. Edge  
**Mockingbird** K. Erskine  
**Tulip Touch** A. Fine  
**The Bubble Boy** S. Foster  
**The Bone Sparrow** Z. Fraillion  
**George** A. Gino  
**Tall Story or Shine** C. Gourlay  
**The Island At the End of Everything** KM Hargrave  
**A Monster Calls** P. Ness  
**Wonder** R. J. Palacio  
**Every Falling Star** S. Lee  
**Boy in the Tower** P. Ho-Yen  
**Pax** S Pennypacker  
**My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece** A. Pitcher  
**Esperanza Rising** P M Ryan  
**The Marvels, Hugo, Wunderstruck** B Selznick  
**Stargirl** J. Spinelli  
**The Hate U Give** A. Thomas  
**A Boy Called Hope** L. Williamsom  
**Beyond The Bright Sea** L. Wolk  
**Brown Girl Dreaming** J. Woodson  
**I am Malala** M Yousafzai

### Dystopian & Science Fiction Cont'd

**The Infinite** (& sequels) by Patience Agbabi  
**The Middler / Troofriend** by Kirsty Applebaum  
**The Last Human** by Lee Bacon

### Sports

**The Beautiful Game Series** Dhami  
**Man of the Match** & series D. Freedman  
**The Number 7 Shirt** or **The Lion Roars**  
A. Gibbons  
**The Fix** S. McKenzie\*  
**Football Academy** series T. Palmer\*  
**Foul Play** & sequels or **Black Op** T. Palmer  
**Soccer Squad** & series Bali Rai\*

### War & Conflict

**Soldier Dog & A Horse Called Hero** S. Angus  
**The Boy at the Top of the Mountain**  
**The Boy In the Striped Pajamas**  
**The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket** J. Boyne  
**Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven or Auslander**  
Dowswell  
**Under A War-Torn Sky** L.M. Elliott  
**Once** sequels M. Gleitzman  
**Inside Out and Back Again** Thanhha Lai  
**Dog Tags** C. A. London\*  
**Number the Stars** L. Lowry  
**War Horse** M. Morpurgo  
**Sunrise Over Fallujah** W D Myers\*  
**A Night Divided** J. Nielson  
**The Red Pencil** A. D. Pinkey  
**The Sniper** J. Riordan  
**A Soldier's Friend** series M Rix  
**Salt to the Sea** R. Sepetys  
**The Book Thief** M Zusak

### Science Fiction & Dystopian

**Matched** & sequels A. Condie  
**The Maze Runner** & sequels J Dashner  
**Cell 7** & sequels K. Drewery  
**The Gender Game** B Forrest  
**Gone** & sequels M. Grant  
**Illuminate** A. Kaufmann & J. Kristoff  
**Department 19** & sequels W. Hill  
**I am Number Four** P. Lore  
**The Giver and Gathering Blue** L Lowry  
**Legend** M. Lu  
**The Knife of Never Letting Go** P. Ness  
**Metawars: Fight for the Future** & sequels Norton!  
**Railhead** & sequels P. Reeve  
**Divergent** & sequels V. Roth  
**Remade** or **Time Riders** A. Scarrow

**Ink** by Alice Broadway\*  
**City of Rust** by Gemma Fowler  
**Gone** or **BRZK** (& sequels)-Michael Grant!  
**How I Saved the World in a Week** by Polly Ho-Yen  
**Nowhere on Earth** by Nick Lake\*  
**The Giver** and **Gathering Blue** by Lois Lowry!  
**The Supreme Lie** by Geraldine McCaughrean  
**Show Us Who You Are** by Elle McNicholl  
**No Man's Land** by Joanna Nadin  
**The Knife of Never Letting Go**(&sequels)-P Ness!  
**Railhead & Mortal Engines** (& sequels)-P Reeve  
**Scythe, Unwind** (& sequels)-N Shusterman!  
**Destination Earth** by Ali Sparkes  
**Contagion** or **Slated** (& sequels) by Teri Terry!  
**The Kid Who Came From Space** by Ross Welford  
**The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave** (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

### **The Immigrant Experience& Refugees**

**No Ballet Shoes in Syria** by Catherine Bruton  
**Efren Divided** by Ernesto Cisneros  
**Illegal** by Eoin Colfer  
**Boy, Everywhere** by A.M. Dassu  
**Boy 87** by Ele Fountain  
**The Bone Sparrow** by Zana Fraillion  
**The Island by Armin Greder** (PB for older readers)  
**The Eleventh Trade** by Alyssa Hollingsworth  
**Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan  
**When Stars Are Scattered** by Jamieson & Mohamed  
**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai  
**The Crossing** by Manjeet Mann!  
**A Glasshouse of Stars** by Shirley Marr  
**A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park  
**The Red Pencil** by Andrea David Pinkney  
**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz  
**Ryan The Arrival** by Shaun Tan (PB for older readers)  
**Other Words For Home** by Jasmine Warga  
**Front Desk** by Kelly Yang  
**The Windrush Child** or **Refugee Boy!**- B Zephaniah

\* Top picks for reluctant readers.

Note to parents: (!) Some books from the list are for young adult readers; this means there may be 'gritty' content. Generally, by Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask your child's teacher.