



St Bede's
Sixth Form College
Lancaster

Recommended Reads

Action & Thrillers

Bodyguard or **Young Samurai** (& sequels); **Bullet Catcher** or **Gamer** by Chris Bradford*

Alone by DJ Brazier

Mortal Chaos, Speed Freaks, The Everest Files (& sequels) or **Lie, Kill, Walk Away** - Matt Dickinson

Lightning Girl (& sequels) by Alesha Dixon *

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Silverfin or **The Enemy** (& sequels) by C Higson

Stormbreaker (& sequels) by A. Horowitz*

Wild Boy by Lloyd Jones

Girl Missing (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie

The Recruit (& sequels) by R. Muchamore*

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Wolf Wilder, The Good Thieves, The Explorer, Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

Night Speakers or **Carjacked** by Ali Sparkes

Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels) – R Stevens

Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure) -T Turner.*

Dystopian & Science Fiction

Gone or **BRZK** (& sequels) -Michael Grant

The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock

The Giver and **Gathering Blue** by Lois Lowry

Legend (& sequels) by Marie Lu

The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)-P Ness

MetaWars: Fight for the Future (&sequels)- Norton*

Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)-P Reeve

Remade (& sequels) or **Time Riders** - Alex Scarrow

Dry, Scythe, Unwind (& sequels) – N Shusterman

Contagion or **Slated** (& sequels) by Teri Terry

The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

Mind Writer by Steve Cole*

Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer

The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper

The Stormkeeper's Island by Catherine Doyle

Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone

Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans

Ranger's Apprentice or **Brotherband** - J Flanagan

Inkheart (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin

Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels) by Derek Landy

Zom-B or **Cirque du Freak** (& sequels) by D. Shan*

Eragon (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini

Through Dead Eyes, Tales of Terror, Mister

Creecher, The Last of Spirits by C. Priestley

Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman

Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell*

Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children -Riggs

Percy Jackson or **Kane Chronicles** series by Riordan

Thunderstruck or **Unleashed** by Ali Sparkes*

The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell

Humorous books

Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer

Aunties by Humza Arshad & Henry White*

Millions, Cosmic or **Broccoli Boy** by Frank C Boyce

The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels) by Max Brallier

Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole*

Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire by T.Collins*

To Be a Cat by Matt Haig

Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy... by Konnie Huq*

Enginerds (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner*

Disaster Diaries: Zombies (&sequels)-R McGeddon*

The Donut Diaries series – A McGowan*

The Accidental Billionaire series- T McLaughlin

The World of Norm series by Jonathon Meres*

Planet Omar by Zanib Mian

Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis*

Middle School series by James Patterson*

Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)*

Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce*

Killer Animals series by Tracey Turner

Relationships & Tough Situations

Boy Underwater by Adam Baron

Noughts and Crosses, Cloud Busting, Boys Don't Cry or **Pig-Heart Boy** by Malorie Blackman

Blubber or anything by Judy Blume
Artichoke Hearts, Jasmine Skies or **Where the River Runs Gold** Sita Brahmachari
A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby
One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee -S Crossan
Blended or **Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper
Running on Empty by S.E. Durrant
Mind the Gap, Being Billy or **Saving Daisy** - P Earle*
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright –Chris Edge
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or **Flour Babies** by A. Fine
Check Mates & The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster
Unstoppable by Dan Freedman *
George by Alex Gino
Tall Story or **Shine** by Candy Gourlay
The Island at the End of Everything—KM Hargrave
After the Fire by Will Hill
Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
A Different Dog by Paul Jennings*
Freedom: 1783 by Catherine Johnson
Red Sky in the Morning by Elizabeth Laird
Scarlet Ibis by Gill Lewis
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Word Nerd, We Are All Made of Molecules-Nielsen
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by A Pitcher
Unboxed by Non Pratt *
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Marvels or **Wonderstruck** by Brian Selznick*
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Sports

Booked, Crossover or **Rebound** – K. Alexander*
Charlie Merrick’s Misfits... by David Cousins*

Stat Man by Alan Durant *
The Beautiful Game series by Dhimi (girls’ football)
Man of the Match (& series) by Dan Freedman
The Number 7 Shirt or **The Lion Roars** - A Gibbons*
Kick by Mitch Johnson
The Fix by Sophie McKenzie*
Ultimate Football Heroes Collection M&T Oldfield
Football Academy or **Foul Play** series—Tom Palmer*
Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series) by Bali Rai*
War, Conflict and the Refugee Experience
Soldier Dog or **A Horse Called Hero** - Sam Angus
The Boy at the Top of the Mountain or **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** by J Boyne
Illegal by Eoin Colfer *
Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven, Auslander & True Stories books – Paul Dowswell
Under a War-Torn Sky by L.M. Elliott
Boy 87 by Ele Fountain
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion
Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman *
Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay
Grenade by Alan Gratz
Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Buffalo Soldier or **Apache** by Tanya Landman
Every Falling Star (North Korea) by Sungju Lee
Dog Tags: Semper Fido or **Strays** by C A London*
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Skylarks’ War by Hilary McKay
War Horse or **Private Peaceful** by M Morpurgo
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers*
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielson
Armistice Runner or **Over the Line** by Tom Palmer*
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
The Red Pencil by Andrea David Pinkney
The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe
Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Note to parents: Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be some ‘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 read the book first or check online reviews.

* = Top picks for reluctant readers