

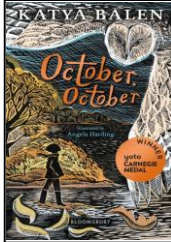
	<p><u>'Treasure Island' by R.L.Stevenson</u> ★</p> <p>The classic story recounts a young boy's adventures with pirates.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Classic / Historical Adventure</p>
	<p><u>'When Shadows Fall' by Sita Brahmachari</u> ★★ ★</p> <p>When Kai falls into bad ways after his family is thrown into turmoil due to a tragic loss, his friends try to find a way to bring him back.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carnegie shortlist Families / Friends / Mental Health / Bereavement</p>
	<p><u>'The Bubble Wrap Boy' by Phil Earle</u></p> <p>A teen boy with a dysfunctional family life and bullied at school discovers a passion for skateboarding. Funny and heartwarming.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Families / Bullying</p>
	<p><u>'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen</u></p> <p>When strange plant spores begin destroying buildings and killing people, a young boy and others strive to survive in their tower block in south London.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Families/ Sci-Fi / Adventure</p>
	<p><u>'The Haunting' by Margaret Mahy</u> ★</p> <p>A family is turned upside-down when Barney starts to be haunted by ghosts from the past. Barney and his 2 sisters, are determined to find out who is haunting him. But to get to the truth they must unearth deeply buried family secrets and discover if Barney's supernatural abilities are a gift or a curse.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ghosts / Supernatural / Carnegie winner</p>

<h1 style="text-align: center;">A Year 8 to 9 Reading list</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">These books are highly recommended</h2> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="1350 357 1732 599">  <p style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Visit the library and borrow a book today !</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1732 357 2038 599"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Non-Fiction ★ Quicker reads ★ Classic stories ★ Dip into Diversity </div> <div data-bbox="2114 357 2420 456"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Award winning /shortlisted </div> </div>	
	<p><u>'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness</u> ★</p> <p>Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window...</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Family relationships / Emotions / Carnegie winner</p>
	<p><u>'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman</u> ★</p> <p>A Boy needs a heart transplant and becomes the first human to receive an animal's heart. However, his treatment and life after the life saving operation is not always easy. A gripping read.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Family / Relationships / Society and Health</p>
	<p><u>'Girl Missing' by Sophie McKenzie</u></p> <p>Lauren is adopted and eager to know more about her mysterious past. But when she discovers she may have been snatched from her family as a baby, her whole life suddenly feels like a sham.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thriller / Family / Adoption</p>



'Wink' by Rob Harrell

A boy is diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer and has to deal not only with medical treatments but being treated differently at school. The main character has some tough days but the novel is also funny in many parts too. **Bullying / Teenage issues / Illness / Humour too**



'October October' by Katya Balen



October and her dad live a life, wild and free, in the woods. Until the year everything changes. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back.

Family relationships / Nature / Carnegie Winner



'Stone Cold' by Robert Swindells



A tense thriller plot is combined with a perceptive and harrowing portrait of life on the streets as a serial killer preys on the young and vulnerable homeless.

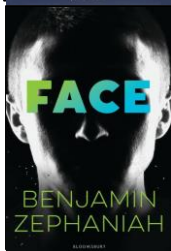
Thriller / Carnegie Award Winner



'SilverFin' by Charlie Higson

SilverFin is the first book in the bestselling Young Bond series. This adventure takes 13 yr old James Bond from the school playing fields to the remote shores of Loch Silverfin and a terrifying discovery.

Thriller / Spy

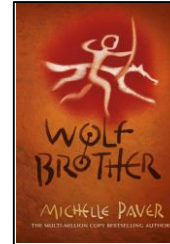


'Face' by Benjamin Zephaniah



The story of a young man, Martin, whose life is completely changed when his face is badly scarred in a joyriding accident.

Teenage Relationships



'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver



Wolf Brother is the first book in the series *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness*. It takes place six thousand years ago during the Middle Stone Age, and tells the story of twelve-year-old Torak, a boy who can talk to wolves.

Historical / Fantasy Adventure

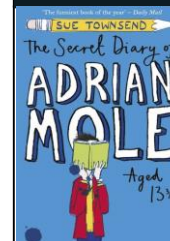


'The Hound of the Baskervilles' by Arthur Conan Doyle



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson investigate a mysterious case involving the Baskerville family and rumours of a terrifying hound running loose on the moors.

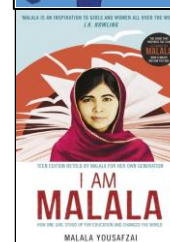
Classic detective story



'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole' by Sue Townsend

Secret diary in which teenage schoolboy of the early 1980's, Adrian Mole, chronicles his life, loves and aspirations

Teenage / Humour



'I Am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai



Autobiography of a teenage Pakistani school pupil and education activist who survived an assassination attempt.

Autobiography / Other Cultures

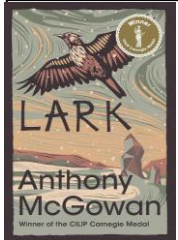


'When The Sky Falls' by Phil Earle



A moving story about an evacuated boy who builds a relationship with the gorilla at the zoo owned by the woman with whom he's been billeted.

World War 2 / Animals / Carnegie Shortlist

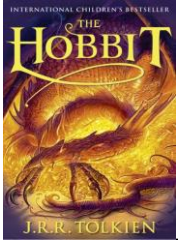


'Lark' by Anthony McGowan



A spellbinding tale of two brothers caught in a blizzard on the North Yorkshire Moors.

Family relationships / Neurodiversity / Carnegie winner



'The Hobbit' by J.R.R. Tolkien



The Hobbit is the unforgettable story of Bilbo Baggins, a peace-loving hobbit, who embarks on a dangerous and magical adventure.

Classic Fantasy / Film Tie-in

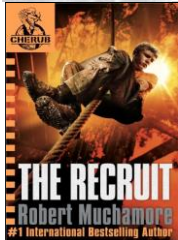


'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson



An action-packed story about slavery in Britain. Nathaniel doesn't want to move to England with his master's family, leaving behind his family on the Jamaican plantation. But then he remembers what his mother told him: once a slave sets foot on English soil, they're free...his adventure is about to begin...

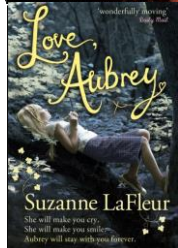
Historical / Adventure



'The Recruit' (1st in series) by Robert Muchamore

CHERUB is a spy organisation which recruits kids. It is not James Bond. There are no master criminals or high-tech gadgets. CHERUB kids live in the real world. They slip under adult radar and get information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.

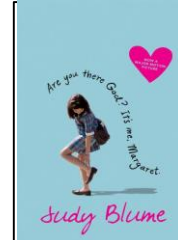
Thriller / Spy / Series



'Love Aubrey' by Suzanne LaFleur

A girl starts a new life with her grandmother after family bereavement and breakdown.

Bereavement / Relationships



'Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret' by Judy Blume

An 11-year-old girl tackles the ups and downs of adolescence by talking to God about the things that are happening in her life.

Adolescence / Friendship / Film Tie-in



'Coram Boy' by Jamila Gavin



Epic story of a man who trades in illegitimate children and a child who survives and is reunited with his gentleman father.

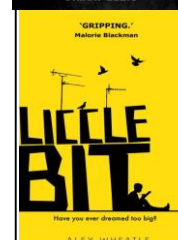
Historical story



'The Haven' (1st in series) by Simon Lelic

Teenager Ollie joins a group of orphan vigilantes that together attempt to thwart a plot to destroy London with chemical weapons. (1st in series)

Adventure / Thriller



'Liddle Bit' by Alex Wheatle



A 14 year old boy (Liddle Bit) is faced with a moral dilemma when he becomes involved with a local gang.

Crime / Relationships / Coming of Age Story

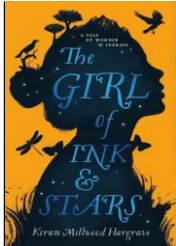


'Crongton Knights' by Alex Wheatle



A follow up book to 'Liddle Bit'. Liddle Bit's friend McKay struggles to balance loyalty to his neighbourhood gang with loyalty to his family.

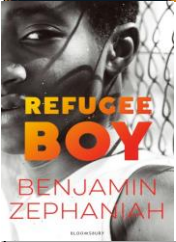
Crime / Friendships



'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

A girl (A map maker's daughter) ventures from the island she is forbidden to leave, on a quest to find her friend who has gone missing.

Fantasy / Adventure

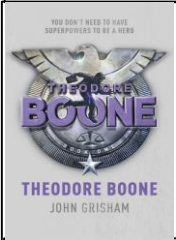


'Refugee Boy' by Benjamin Zephaniah



Alem thinks he is on holiday with his father in London, but his father has brought him to the UK to escape the war in Ethiopia and leaves him to survive by himself as a refugee.

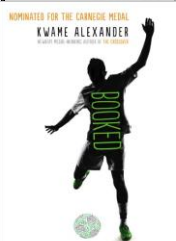
Refugees / War



'Theodore Boone: Young Lawyer' by John Grisham

A 13 yr old boy who dreams of being a lawyer finds himself in the middle of a murder trial. A real page turner by the master of Legal thrillers for adults – John Grisham (1st Book in a series)

American Crime / Legal thriller

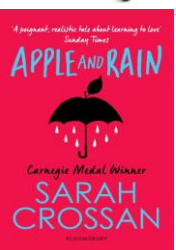


'Booked' by Kwame Alexander



A boy hoping to make it to the world of big league football is set back by the break up of his parents. A novel in verse form – it's easy to read but more than a football story. Really good.

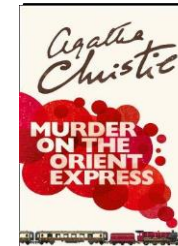
Sport / Adolescence



'Apple and Rain' by Sarah Crossan

A teen girl's life is turned upside down when her estranged mother returns from America after 11 years. Fed up living with her grandmother, Apple jumps at the chance to move in with her Mother. But will the move bring her the happiness and closure she seeks?

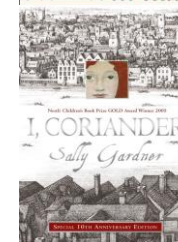
Family Relationships



'Murder on the Orient Express' by Agatha Christie

When a passenger dies in mysterious circumstances on a stranded train, Hercule Poirot must unravel the mystery before the killer strikes again.

Classic Detective story / Crime drama / Film Tie-in



'I, Coriander' by Sally Gardner

Set in 1650s London a young girl is transported to the fairy world and learns the truth about her dead mother.

Good mix of historical fiction and fantasy. An unusual & engaging read.

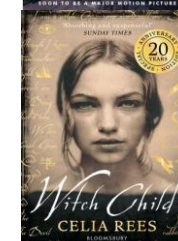
Historical Fantasy



'Mortal Engines' by Philip Reeve

A fantasy adventure in which cities roam the country demolishing smaller towns and looking for relics and technology of the Ancients

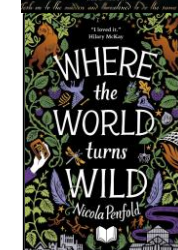
Sci-Fi / Adventure



'Witch Child' by Celia Rees

After her grandmother is executed for witchcraft, Mary travels to America to begin a new life. Soon, however, she is under suspicion herself.

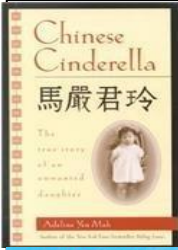
Historical



'Where the World Turns Wild' by Nicola Penfold

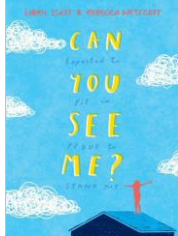
Siblings, Juniper and Bear Greene live in a walled city from which nature has been banished because of an outbreak of a deadly man-made disease many years earlier. Yet they dream of escaping the safety of the city...

Dystopian / Sci-Fi



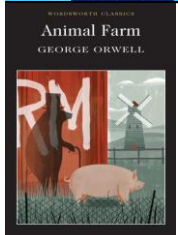
'Chinese Cinderella' by Adeline Yen Mah ★★
 A riveting memoir of a girl's painful coming-of-age in a wealthy Chinese family during the 1940s.

Autobiography / Other Cultures



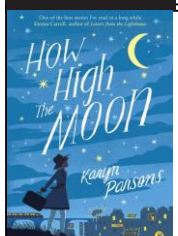
'Can You See Me?' by Rebecca Westcott and Libby Scott
 An autistic girl learns to be herself instead of trying to hide her condition from people around her.

Neurodiversity / Friendship



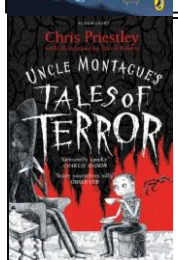
'Animal Farm' by George Orwell ★
 This classic tale of animals overthrowing their master to build a better community, remains a powerful fable about the nature of tyranny and corruption which applies for all ages.

Classic / Fable / Power and Society



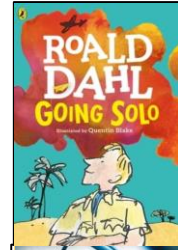
'How High The Moon' by Karyn Parsons ★
 An 11-year-old girl witnesses the racial tensions that lie beneath her segregated hometown when a 14-year-old black boy is accused of murdering two white girls.

Historical / America / Racism



'Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror' by Chris Priestley
 Eerie & haunting, these 13 short horror stories are truly spooky.

Horror / Ghost / Short Stories

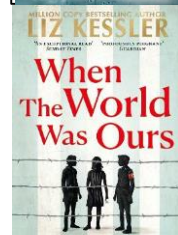


'Going Solo' by Roald Dahl ★
 Autobiographical account of Dahl's wartime experiences.

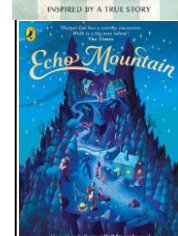
Autobiography / War



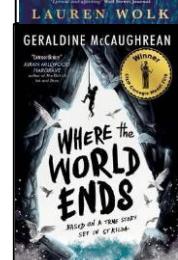
'13 Hours' by Narinder Dhani ★
 Anjeela is her mother's only carer until a group of protestors take over their attic and she discovers her family's hidden secrets. A fast-paced and gripping thriller, full of plot twists and exciting intrigue. **Crime / Thriller / Families / Environment**



'When The World Was Ours' by Liz Kessler
 Max, Leo and Elsa are three friends in Vienna in 1936, whose lives are transformed by the course of events over the next nine years. Genuinely moving.
Historical / WW2 / Holocaust



'Echo Mountain' by Lauren Wolk ★
 A young girl living in a remote mountain area must go on a journey to try and find a treatment for her father's accident. Great characters, well written. Recommended.
Historical / Families / Friendship / Carnegie shortlist

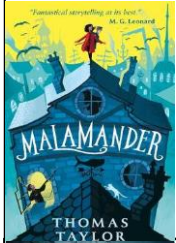


'Where the World Ends' by Geraldine McGaughrean ★
 1727, a group of men & boys are put ashore on a remote sea stack to hunt birds for food. No one returns to collect them. Why have they been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror. How can they survive imprisoned on every side by the ocean?
Historical / Survival story/ Carnegie winner



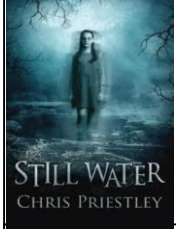
'Railhead' by Philip Reeve ★

In a distant future in which humanity travels the stars on sentient space trains, a teenage thief is tasked to steal a mysterious object and begins an adventure that will change his life. **Sci-Fi / Adventure / Carnegie shortlist**



'Malamander' by Thomas Taylor

Herbert Lemon and Violet Parma are caught up in an adventure concerning a legendary sea-monster when they try to find out what happened to Violet's missing parents. **Fantasy Adventure**



'Still Water' by Chris Priestley ★

A young girl has a ghostly encounter in the village to which she is evacuated at the start of World War 2. Spooky. **Horror, Ghost story / WW2 / Dyslexic friendly font**



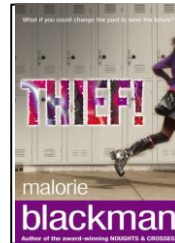
'Raven's Gate' (Bk1 of Power of Five series) by Antony Horowitz

A foster child with unusual powers finds himself in a battle between eight guardians and a group of devil worshippers, seeking to release evil forces **Horror / Supernatural / Adventure**



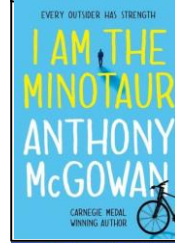
'Rat' by Patrice Lawrence ★★

When a young teenager takes action against the man he blames for his mother going to prison, his actions bring a result that's entirely unexpected. **Families/ Friendship / Dyslexia friendly font**



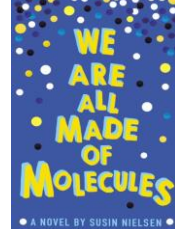
'Thief' by Malorie Blackman ★

A girl time travels into a surprising future. Fleeing on to the moors when she is unfairly accused of theft, an extraordinary storm suddenly whirls twelve-year-old Lydia into the future - a computer-dominated future where her home town is now ruled by a cruel tyrant. **Sci-Fi / Adventure**



'I am the Minotaur' by Anthony McGowan

A bullied fourteen-year-old boy tries to get the attention of a girl in school by finding her stolen bicycle. **Teenage life / Bullying**



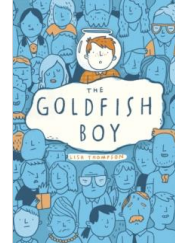
'We Are All Made of Molecules' by Susin Nielsen

Two families move in together and the story is about how the relationship between son Stewart and daughter Ashley (two polar opposite characters) changes. Amusing and heart warming. **Families / teenage stories / LGBTQ+**



'Fake' by Ele Fountain

Teenager Jess starts at boarding school but lands in trouble when a fellow pupil discovers that she is an internet hacker and her family seem to have disappeared with no trace. **Science Fiction / Dystopian / Thriller**



'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson

A boy with OCD turns detective when he is the last person to see a neighbour's young son before he goes missing. **Page turning mystery / Mental illness / Families**