



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form



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## Reading Lists

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the recent government announcement of school closures, I wanted to contact you with some suggestions for reading which both students and their families may enjoy.

Reading - particularly in concerning times - can provide real pleasure and escapism, alongside comfort; something that I hope some of these suggestions will bring to you and your loved ones. Please find attached a list of our recommended reads for parents and students alike.

With my very best wishes.

Sarah Robinson-Kent

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# Year 7 Reading List



Here are a few reading suggestions for students in Year 7. These books are especially suitable for students who are reading confidently at their expected level.

Stormbreaker

Alpha Force Series

The Thief Lord

Swallows and Amazons

The Secret Garden

Five Children and It

Little Women

The Hobbit

Noughts and Crosses

Holes

I Corianda

The Garbage King

Skellig

Horowitz, Anthony

Ryan, Chris

Funke, Cornelia

Ransome, Arthur

Hodgson Burnett, Francis

Nesbit, Edith

Alcott, Louisa May

Tolkien, J R R

Blackman, Malorie

Sachar, Louis

Gardener, Sally

Laird, Elizabeth

Almond, David

## Books by:

Philip Pullman, such as **Northern Lights**

Frank Cottrell Boyce, such as **Millions**

Mark Haddon, such as **Boom!**

Neil Gaiman, such as **The Graveyard Book**

Look out for Children's book awards such as Waterstones, Costa and Carnegie. Shortlisted books are usually appropriate and enjoyable for secure readers at KS3 and young adults.

# Year 8 Reading List



The Boy in Striped Pyjamas, Boyne J

Alone, Brazier D

Bodyguard, Bradford C

Solace of the Road, Dowd S

Little Women, Alcott L M

Murder Most Unladylike, Stevens R

Five Children and It, Nesbit E

Northern Lights, Pullman P

Any **Carnegie Medal** books

Dream Big  
**READ!**



## *stretch and challenge*

Buffalo Soldier, Landman T

Maggot Moon, Gardner S

Noughts and Crosses, Blackman M

The Lie Tree, Hardinge F

The Other Life, Gray J

Sophie's World, Gaarder J



## *Short story collections for those 'in-between-book' moments*

Heroes - True Stories, Dowswell P

Counting Stars, Almond D

Of Lions and unicorns, Morpurgo M

Winter Magic, Elphinstone A



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*David Bailey*

# Year 9 Reading List



*For confident/secure readers*

*Dream Big  
READ!*

The Lies We Tell Ourselves, Tally R

One, Crossan S

Wolf Hollow, Wolk L

The Rest of Us Just Live Here, Ness P

All the Bright Places, Niven J

A Traveller in Time, Uttley A

Out of the Shadows, Wallace J

Thug. Thomas, A

Monsters, Dogar, S

Internment, Ahmed, S



*Desserts – for extra stretch and challenge*

Fahrenheit 451, Bradbury R

Walkabout, Marshal J V

Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck J

To Kill a Mockingbird, Lee H

I am Legend, Matheson R



*Nibbles – short story collections for those 'in-between-book' moments*



Smoke & Mirrors, Gaiman N

Homesick, Fernando R

Geektastic, Black H

Here I stand: Stories that Speak for Freedom, edited by Amnesty International

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# Year 10 Reading List



A Good Girls Guide to Murder, Jackson, H

Bearmouth, Hyder, L

I will not be Erased, Gal-dem

The Magician, Feist, R

Vox, Dalcher, C

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Chbosky, S

The Da Vinci Code, Brown, D

The Lovely Bones, Seabold, A

Wuthering Heights, Bronte, E

The Bell Jar, Plath, S

Everyday, Levithan, D

My Sister's Keeper, Picoult, J

I Capture the Castle, Smith, D

Dream Big  
**READ!**

## Award Winners and Shortlisted books

The Poet X, Acevedo, E

After the Fire, Hill, W

Saint Death, Sedgewick, M

Release, Ness, P

Long Way Down, Reynolds, J

On the Come Up, Thomas, A

The Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi



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# Year 11 Reading List



Dream Big  
**READ!**

The Time Machine, Wells, H G  
Midnight's Children, Rushdie, S  
The Kite Runner, Hosseini, K  
The Last Lecture, Pausch, R  
A short History of Nearly Everything, Bryson B  
Dune, Herbert, F  
Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind, Harari, Y N  
The Name of the Rose, Eco, U  
The Colour Purple, Walker, A  
Lord of the Flies, Golding, W  
Birdsong, Faulks, S  
The long Walk to Freedom, Mandela, N

## Award Winners and Shortlisted books

Normal People, Rooney, S  
Girl, Woman, Other, Evaristo, B  
The Poet X, Acevedo, E  
The Long Shot, Kennedy R  
The Handmaid's Tale, Atwood, M  
When Mr Dog Bites, Conaghan, B  
Orangeboy, Lawrence, P



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# Year 12/13 Reading List



The Handmaid's Tale/The Testaments, Atwood, M

The Mirror and the Light, Mantel, H

Catch-22, Heller, J

Memoirs of a Geisha, Golden, A

Never Let Me Go, Ishiguru, K

The Catcher in the Rye, Salinger, J D

Oranges are not the Only Fruit, Winterson, J

Brace New World, Huxley, A

The English Patient, Ondaatje, M

A Clockwork Orange, Burgess A

The Good Soldier, Ford, F M

My Left Foot, Brown, C

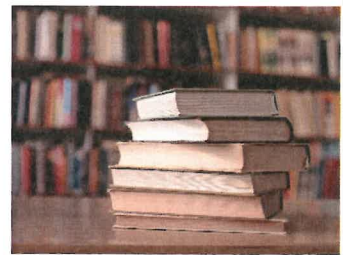
Crime & Punishment, Dostoevsky

The Prince, Machiavelli

Utopia, More, T

A God in Ruins, Atkinson

To the Lighthouse, Woolf, V



## Books you will never forget...

Call me by Your Name, André Aciman

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Smith, B

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Angelou, M

100 Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

A Time to Dance, Bragg, M

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