



St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School English Department: GCSE READING LIST - YEAR 7 and YEAR 8

Before you browse this booklist...

Reading for pleasure has been proven to help performance in exams as well as being a lifelong source of enjoyment.

The books marked with ^ have been especially popular with boys.

The list is not intended to be prescriptive but it is hoped you will pick writers who are challenging and who will expand your experience, understanding and enjoyment of the written word. This is just to get you started. If you are reading regularly, you will not only improve your English skills but also you will be improving your mindfulness and ability to switch off from the demands of our busy lives.

ADVENTURE		Date / Signature
Alex Rider Series ^	HOROWITZ Anthony	
Bracelet of Bone	CROSSLEY Kevin	
Unhooking the Moon	HUGHES Gregory	
AUTOBIOGRAPHY		
<i>Cider with Rosie</i>	LEE Laurie	
<i>I am Malaha</i>	YOUSAFZAI Malaha	
<i>Boy</i>	DAHL Roald	
<i>Going Solo</i> ^	DAHL Roald	
<i>The Diary of Young Girl</i>	FRANK Anne	
<i>In the Sea There are Crocodiles</i> ^	GEDA Fabio	
CLASSICS		
<i>Call of the Wild</i> ^	LONDON Jack	
<i>Little Women</i>	ALCOTT Louisa May	
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	DICKENS Charles	
<i>Ring of Bright Water</i>	MAXWELL Gavin	
<i>To Kill a Mocking Bird</i>	LEE Harper	
<i>Animal Farm</i> ^	ORWELL George	
<i>Treasure Island</i> ^	STEVENSON R L	
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	SWIFT J	
<i>War of the Worlds</i> ^	WELLS H G	
CRIME & DETECTIVE		
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	CHRISTIE Agatha	
<i>Sherlock Holmes Stories</i> ^	DOYLE Arthur Conan	
DYSTOPIA		
<i>The Hunger Games</i>	COLLINS Suzanne	
<i>Maze Runner</i> ^	DASHNER James	
<i>Gone series</i> ^	GRANT Michael	
<i>The Wind Singer</i>	NICHOLSON William	
<i>The Knife of Never Letting Go</i> ^	NESS Patrick	

FANTASY / MAGIC REALISM		
<i>Across the Nightingale Floor</i> ^	HEARN Lian	
<i>The Moon of Gomrath</i>	GARNER Alan	
<i>The Shadow of the Minotaur</i>	GIBBONS Alan	
<i>His Dark Materials</i> ^	PULLMAN Philip	
<i>The Lord of the Rings</i> ^	TOLKIEN J R R	
<i>The Hobbit</i> ^	TOLKIEN J R R	
<i>The Johnny Maxwell series</i> ^	PRATCHETT Terry	
<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>	LEWIS C S	
HORROR & GHOST STORIES		
<i>Collected Ghost Stories</i> ^	JAMES M R	
<i>Frankenstein</i>	SHELLEY Mary	
HISTORICAL		
<i>Witch Child</i>	REES Celia	
<i>Smith</i>	GARFIELD Leon	
<i>The Devil in the Fog</i> ^	GARFIELD Leon	
<i>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</i>	KERR Judith	
<i>The Machine Gunners</i>	WESTALL Robert	
<i>Private Peaceful</i>	MORPURGO Michael	
<i>The Lantern Bearers</i>	SUTCLIFF Rosemary	
<i>Eagle of the Ninth</i> ^	SUTCLIFF Rosemary	
<i>The Book Thief</i>	ZUSAK Marcus	
HUMOUR		
<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> ^	ADAMS Douglas	
<i>The Carpet People</i>	PRATCHETT Terry	
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> ^	HADDON Mark	
<i>Jeeves and Wooster</i>	WODEHOUSE P G	
REAL LIFE IN FICTION		
<i>Lucas</i> ^	BROOKS Kevin	
<i>Wonder</i>	PALACIO P J	
<i>A Kestrel for a Knave</i>	HINES Barry	
<i>Face</i> ^	ZEPHANIAH Benjamin	
<i>A Monster Calls</i>	NESS Patrick	
SCIENCE FICTION		
<i>The Tripods Trilogy</i> ^	CHRISTOPHER John	
<i>The Crystalids</i>	WYNDHAM John	
<i>The Day of the Triffids</i> ^	WYNDHAM John	

As well as reading fiction, it is a good idea to keep an eye on what is going on around you. Pick up the local free paper; browse online news sites such as *The BBC* or *The Guardian*. Read magazines / blogs on what interests you and don't forget there are also many plays and poetry anthologies not included on this list.