



Recommended Reads: Year 6 Transition

New reading experiences can have a lasting, positive impact. As your child prepares to move to secondary school, Kingsmeadow's English department thought it would be a great opportunity to recommend some books that your son or daughter can engage with to further aid their continued development over the summer break.

In Years 7 and 8, students at Kingsmeadow study a range of texts, from William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies' and George Orwell's 'Animal Farm', to William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'The Tempest', alongside a variety of other novels, plays and poetry, either in full, or in extract form.

Each broad genre studied is represented here, and a list of recommended reading material is listed. Reading a selection may aid your child's understanding and appreciation of some of the texts they will study.

We look forward to studying literature together in the near future.

Action, Adventure and Mystery

Storm Catchers by Tim Bowler

The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

The Girl Who Stole An Elephant by Nizrana Farook

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman

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

Dystopian and Science Fiction

The Infinite by Patience Agbabi

The Dog Runner by Bren Macdibble

Killer T by Robert Muchamore

Railhead by P Reeve

Mortal Engines (and sequels) by P Reeve

Every Falling Star (North Korea) by Sungju Lee

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror and Ghost

The House With Chicken Legs by S. Anderson

Asha & The Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

Mind Writer by Steve Cole*

Artemis Fowl (and sequels) by Eoin Colfer

Inkheart (and sequels) by Cornelia Funke

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin

Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure by Vashti Hardy

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Eragon (and sequels) by Christopher Paolini

Northern Lights (and sequels) by Phillip Pullman

Goth Girl (and sequels) by Chris Riddell*

Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard

Black Panther the Young Prince by Roland L Smith

The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell

Conflict and Relationships

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

He Said, She Said by Kwame Alexander

Illegal by Eoin Colfer *

Under a War-Torn Sky by L.M. Elliott

Once (and sequels) by Morris Gleitzman *

Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay

Sawbones by Catherine Johnson

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Dog Tags: Semper Fido or *Strays* by C A London*

Shadow By Michael Morpurgo

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

Terror Kid by Benjamin Zephaniah

Note to parents: Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be occasional challenging 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 research the books' content further.

* = Students' Top Picks

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