

Below are some lists of books to interest, stretch and challenge students in each year group. We don't always update this as often as we would like to, so don't forget to check out the latest book releases in the LRC!

The excellence of many of these books comes from the fact that they deal with and challenge a wide range of issues. Please ensure you read the synopsis of book in advance if you think you might be sensitive to the topics under discussion.

## Year 7

ALCOTT Louisa M Little Women  
ALMOND David Skellig. My Name is Mina  
ANDERSON Laurie Halse Chains  
BAWDEN Nina Carrie's War  
BOYCE Frank Cottrell Millions. Cosmic. Framed  
BOYNE John The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas  
BRADFORD Chris Young Samurai (series)  
BYNG Georgia Molly Moon (series)  
CAROLL Lewis Alice in Wonderland  
CASSIDY Anne Looking for JJ ( and others)  
CAVENDISH Grace The Lady Grace Mysteries (series)  
CHRISTIE Agatha (any)  
CLAYTON Emma The Roar  
COLFER Eoin Artemis Fowl  
COLLINS Suzanne Hunger Games  
CORDER Zizou Lion Boy  
CROSS Gillian Where I Belong  
CROSSAN Sarah Apple and Rain. Weight of Water.  
DELANEY Joseph The Spook's Apprentice  
DICKENS Charles Oliver Twist. A Christmas Carol (etc)  
DICKINSON Matt Mortal Chaos (and others)  
DOYLE Sir Arthur Conan The Hound of the Baskervilles (etc)  
DUNMORE Helen Ingo (series)  
EASTMAN Ruth The Messenger Bird  
FINE Anne any  
FORD Michael The Poisoned House  
FUNKE Cornelia Inkheart (series)  
GAIMAN Neil The Graveyard Book  
GARDNER Sally I Coriander. The Red Necklace  
GERAS Adele Troy. Ithaka (etc)  
GLEITZMAN Maurice Once (series)  
GOLDING Julia The Diamond of Drury Lane (Cat Royal series)

Ringmaster. Empty Quarter. Secret of the Sirens (series)  
GRISHAM John Theodore Boone (series)  
HARRISON Michelle 13 Secrets (series)  
HEPBURN Sam If You Were Me  
HIGGINS F E The Black Book of Secrets  
HIGSON Charlie Silverfin (Young Bond series)  
HOFFMAN Mary Stravaganza: City of Masks (+ series)  
HOROWITZ Anthony Stormbreaker (series) and others

IBBOTSON Eva Journey to the River Sea. Star of Kazan (etc).  
One Boy & His Dog.  
KELLEHER Damian Life Interrupted  
KERR Judith When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit  
LA FLEUR Suzanne Love Aubrey  
LAIRD Elizabeth Crusade (etc)  
LANDY Derek Skulduggery Pleasant (series)  
LANE Andrew Young Sherlock (series)  
LAWRENCE Caroline The Roman Mysteries (series)  
LEWIS C S The Chronicles of Narnia  
MAGORIAN Michelle A Little Love Song. Just Henry. Goodnight Mr Tom (etc)  
MAH Adeline Yen The Chinese Cinderella  
MAYHEW Jon Mortlock. The Demon Collector.  
McCAUGHREAN Geraldine any  
McKENZIE Sophie Medusa Project (series). Blood Ties.  
MORPURGO Michael any  
MUCHAMORE Robert The Recruit (Cherub series)  
The Escape (Henderson Boys series)  
MULLIGAN Andy Trash  
NAIDOO Beverley The Other Side of Truth  
NESBIT E The Railway Children  
NESS Patrick A Monster Calls  
NICHOLLS Sally Ways to Live Forever  
NICHOLSON William The Wing Singer  
PACKHAM Simon Silenced  
PALACIO R J Wonder  
PAOLINI Christopher Eragon (series)  
PATTERSON James Maximum Ride (series)  
PAVER Michelle Wolf Brother (series)  
PEARCE Philippa Tom's Midnight Garden  
PRATCHETT Terry any  
PULLMAN Philip Northern Lights (series) etc  
OSBORNE William Hitler's Angel  
RANSOME Arthur Swallows and Amazons  
REES Celia Witch Child  
RIORDAN Rick Percy Jackson (series) etc  
ROWLING J K Harry Potter (series)  
SACHAR Louis Holes  
SAID S F Phoenix  
SCARROW Alex Time Riders (series)  
SEWELL Anna Black Beauty

SHAN Darren Lord Loss (etc)  
SLATER Kim Smart  
SNICKETT Lemony Series of Unfortunate Events (series)  
SPARKES Ali Frozen in Time  
STREATFIELD Noel Ballet Shoes  
STROUD Jonathan Lockwood & Co. (series)

## Year 8

Douglas ADAMS	A Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy
Louisa M ALCOTT	Little Women
David ALMOND	any
L H ANDERSON	Chains
Virginia ANDREWS	Flowers in the Attic
Frank BEDDOR	Looking Glass Wars
Julie BERRY	All The Truth That's In Me
Julie BERTAGNA	Exodus etc
Malorie BLACKMAN	Nought & Crosses etc
John BOYNE	Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Theresa BRESLIN	Prisoner of the Inquisition, Remembrance, etc
Kevin BROOKS	Any
P C and Kristin CAST	House of the Night (series)
Trudi CANAVAN	any
Anne CASSIDY	any
Aiden CHAMBERS	Postcards from No-man's Land
Agatha CHRISTIE	Murder on the Orient Express, etc
Gennifer CHOLDENKO	any
Cassandra CLARE	Infernal Devices (series)
Emma CLAYTON	The Roar
Eoin COLFER	Artemis Fowl, The Wish List
Sarah CROSSAN	any
Vanessa CURTIS	The Earth is Singing
James DASHNER	Maze Runner (series)
Sarah DESSEN	Just Listen
Charles DICKENS	Oliver Twist, Christmas Carol etc
Matt DICKENSON	Mortal Chaos, etc
Berlie DOHERTY	Street Child etc
Jennifer DONNELLY	A Gathering Light
Siobhan DOWD	any
Jenny DOWNHAM	Now Is Good
Daphne Du MAURIER	Rebecca, Frenchman's Creek etc
Nathan FILER	Shock of the Fall
Anne FINE	Blood Family
Gayle FOREMAN	If I Stay, etc
Anne FRANK	Diary of Anne Frank
Cornelia FUNKE	Inkheart etc
Neil GAIMAN	Graveyard Book
Sally GARDNER	Any

Adele GERAS	Ithaca, Troy etc
Morris GLEITZMAN	Once, etc
Helen GRANT	Vanishing of Katharina Linden
Michael GRANT	Gone (series)
Sally GREEN	Half Bad (series) and others
Mark HADDON	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-
Frances HARDINGE	time
Sonya HARNETT	The Lie Tree
	The Midnight Zoo
Lian HEARN	Across the Nightingale Floor etc
Julie HEARNE	Rowan the Strange etc
Lily HERNE	Deadlands (series)
Charlie HIGSON	The Enemy (series)
Amanda HOCKING	Switched
Mary HOFFMAN	Stravaganza, City of Stars etc
Eva IBBOTSON	Journey to the River Sea etc
Gavin JAMILA	Coram Boy
Lauren KATE	Fallen (series)
Damian KELLEHER	Life Interrupted
Suzanne LaFLEUR	Love, Aubrey
Elizabeth LAIRD	Crusade, Garbage King etc
Tanya LANDMAN	Apache. Buffalo Soldier
David LEVITHAN	Any
Lois LOWRY	The GIVER (series)
Michelle MAGORIAN	Just Henry etc
Gemma MALLEY	The Declaration (series)
Geraldine McCAUGHREAN	Any
Yann MARTEL	The Life of Pi
Sarah J MAAS	Throne of Glass (series)
Michael MORPURGO	Private Peaceful, etc
Andy MULLIGAN	Trash
Beverly NAIDOO	Other Side of Truth
Patrick NESS	A Monster Calls, Knife of Never Letting
	Go etc
Linda NEWBERRY	Sisterland
Sally NICHOLLS	Ways to Live Forever
Garth NIX	Sabriel etc
R J PALACIO	Wonder
Michelle PAVER	Wolf Brother (series)
Mal PEET	Tamar
Philip PULLMAN	Any
Celia REES	Pirates etc
Kathy REICHS	Virals (series)
Alice SEBOLD	Lovely Bones
Marcus SEDGWICK	White Crow, Midwinterblood etc
Rebecca STEAD	Liar and Spy
J R TOLKIEN	Hobbit, Lord of the Rings

Sue TOWNSEND  
Jenny VALENTINE  
Jason WALLACE  
Rachel WARD  
Elizabeth WEIN  
Rick YANCY  
Adeline YEN MA  
Marcus ZUSAK

Adrian Mole etc  
Finding Violet Park etc  
Out of Shadows  
Numbers  
Code Name Verity  
The 5th Wave (series)  
Chinese Cinderella, Falling Leaves etc  
The Book Thief

Year 9:

Some students also like to do some reading related to their English Literature GCSE at this point, which does help with achievement and taking the pressure off in years 10 and 11. The core texts for GCSE are:

'Macbeth' William Shakespeare (1606)

'A Christmas Carol' Charles Dickens (1843)

'An Inspector Calls' Priestley (1945)

Poetry Anthology (power and conflict poems, Romantics (1790s) to modern. Please ask your teacher for a list)

Reading these texts in advance, or books by the same author, or from the same era would be excellent preparation.

Reading non-fiction texts that cover the eras of these text would also be beneficial to developing an understanding of context.

Year 9 wider reading suggestions

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David ALMOND	any
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Virginia ANDREWS	Flowers in the Attic
Frank BEDDOR	Looking Glass Wars
Julie BERRY	All The Truth That's In Me
Julie BERTAGNA	Exodus etc
Malorie BLACKMAN	Nought & Crosses etc
John BOYNE	Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Theresa BRESLIN	Prisoner of the Inquisition, Remembrance, etc
Kevin BROOKS	Any
P C and Kristin CAST	House of the Night (series)
Trudi CANAVAN	any
Anne CASSIDY	any
Aiden CHAMBERS	Postcards from No-man's Land
Agatha CHRISTIE	Murder on the Orient Express, etc
Gennifer CHOLDENKO	any
Cassandra CLARE	Infernal Devices (series)
Emma CLAYTON	The Roar
Eoin COLFER	Artemis Fowl, The Wish List
Sarah CROSSAN	any
Vanessa CURTIS	The Earth is Singing
James DASHNER	Maze Runner (series)
Sarah DESSEN	Just Listen
Charles DICKENS	Oliver Twist, Christmas Carol etc
Matt DICKENSON	Mortal Chaos, etc
Berlie DOHERTY	Street Child etc
Jennifer DONNELLY	A Gathering Light
Siobhan DOWD	any
Jenny DOWNHAM	Now Is Good
Daphne Du MAURIER	Rebecca, Frenchman's Creek etc
Nathan FILER	Shock of the Fall
Anne FINE	Blood Family
Gayle FOREMAN	If I Stay, etc
Anne FRANK	Diary of Anne Frank
Cornelia FUNKE	Inkheart etc
Neil GAIMAN	Graveyard Book
Sally GARDNER	Any
Adele GERAS	Ithaca, Troy etc
Morris GLEITZMAN	Once, etc
Helen GRANT	Vanishing of Katharina Linden
Michael GRANT	Gone (series)
Sally GREEN	Half Bad (series) and others
Mark HADDON	Curious Incident of the Dog in the
Frances HARDINGE	Night-time

Sonya HARNETT	The Lie Tree
Lian HEARN	The Midnight Zoo
Julie HEARNE	Across the Nightingale Floor etc
Lily HERNE	Rowan the Strange etc
Charlie HIGSON	Deadlands (series)
Amanda HOCKING	The Enemy (series)
Mary HOFFMAN	Switched
Eva IBBOTSON	Stravaganza, City of Stars etc
Gavin JAMILA	Journey to the River Sea etc
Lauren KATE	Coram Boy
Damian KELLEHER	Fallen (series)
Suzanne LaFLEUR	Life Interrupted
Elizabeth LAIRD	Love, Aubrey
Tanya LANDMAN	Crusade, Garbage King etc
David LEVITHAN	Apache. Buffalo Soldier
Lois LOWRY	Any
Michelle MAGORIAN	The GIVER (series)
Gemma MALLEY	Just Henry etc
Geraldine McCAUGHREAN	The Declaration (series)
Yann MARTEL	Any
Sarah J MAAS	The Life of Pi
Michael MORPURGO	Throne of Glass (series)
Andy MULLIGAN	Private Peaceful, etc
Beverly NAIDOO	Trash
Patrick NESS	Other Side of Truth
Linda NEWBERRY	A Monster Calls, Knife of Never Letting Go etc
Sally NICHOLLS	Sisterland
Garth NIX	Ways to Live Forever
R J PALACIO	Sabriel etc
Michelle PAVER	Wonder
Mal PEET	Wolf Brother (series)
Philip PULLMAN	Tamar
Celia REES	Any
Kathy REICHS	Pirates etc
Alice SEBOLD	Virals (series)
Marcus SEDGWICK	Lovely Bones
Rebecca STEAD	White Crow, Midwinterblood etc
J R TOLKIEN	Liar and Spy
Sue TOWNSEND	Hobbit, Lord of the Rings
Jenny VALENTINE	Adrian Mole etc
Jason WALLACE	Finding Violet Park etc
Rachel WARD	Out of Shadows
Elizabeth WEIN	Numbers
Rick YANCY	Code Name Verity
Adeline YEN MA	The 5th Wave (series)
Marcus ZUSAK	Chinese Cinderella, Falling Leaves etc
Douglas ADAMS	The Book Thief
	A Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy

Jane AUSTEN	Emma, Sense and Sensibility, etc
Julie BERRY BERTAGNA	All The Truth That's In Me Exodus etc
Malorie BLACKMAN	Nought & Crosses, etc
Tim BOWLER	River Boy, Starseeker, etc
Theresa BRESLIN	Prisoner of the Inquisition, Remembrance, etc
Charlotte BRONTE	Jane Eyre
Kevin BROOKS	Black Rabbit Summer, etc
Melvin BURGESS	Billy Elliot, etc
Trudi CANAVAN	any
Anne CASSIDY	any
Aiden CHAMBERS	Postcards from No-man's Land
Agatha CHRISTIE	Murder on the Orient Express, etc
Eoin COLFER	Artemis Fowl, The Wish List
Sarah DESSEN	Just Listen etc
Charles DICKENS	Any
Berlie DOHERTY	Street Child etc
Emma DONAHUE	Room
Jennifer DONNELLY	Revolution. A Gathering Light, etc
Siobhan DOWD	Solace of the Road, Bog Child, etc
Arthur Conan DOYLE	any Sherlock Holmes
Daphne du MAURIER	Rebecca, Frenchman's Creek, My Cousin Rachel etc
Sebastian FAULKS	Charlotte Grey, Birdsong
Gayle FOREMAN	If I Stay. Where She Went. Just One Day etc
Anne FRANK	Diary of Anne Frank
Jostein GAARDER	Maya, etc
Sally GARDNER	Maggot Moon etc
Linzi GLASS	Ruby Red
Morris GLEITZMAN	Once, etc
William GOLDING	Lord of the Flies
Helen GRANT	Vanishing of Katharina Linden
John GREEN	The Fault in Our Stars. Paper Towns (and others)
Mark HADDON	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
Thomas HARDY	Mayor of Casterbridge, Tess of the Durbervilles
Lian HEARN	Across the Nightingale Floor etc
Julie HEARNE	Rowan the Strange etc
Mary HOFFMAN	Stravaganza, City of Stars etc
Nick HORNBY	About a Boy. Hi Fidelity (and others)
Aldous HUXLEY	Brave New World
Eva IBBOTSON	Company of Swans etc
P D JAMES	Death Comes To Pemberley
Lauren KATE	Fallen (series)
Suzanne LaFLEUR	Love, Aubrey



Elizabeth LAIRD	Crusade, Garbage King etc
Tanya LANDMAN	Apache. Buffalo Soldier.
David LEVTHAN	Any
Pittacus LORE	I Am Number One (series)
Lois LOWRY	The Giver (series)
Sarah J MAAS	Throne of Glass (series)
Eden MAGUIRE	Beautiful Dead (series)
Yann MARTEL	The Life of Pi
Ian McEWAN	Atonement
Michael MORPURGO	Private Peaceful, etc
Jo Jo MOYES	Me Before You. etc
Andy MULLIGAN	Trash
Beverly NAIDOO	Other Side of Truth
Patrick NESS	Knife of Never Letting Go. More Than This. etc
Sally NICHOLLS	Ways to Live Forever
William NICHOLSON	The Wind Singer, etc
AUDREY NIFFENEGGER	The Time Traveler's Wife
Garth NIX	Sabriel etc
Alyson NOEL	Evermore (series)
Mal PEET	Tamar
Lauren OLIVER	Delirium (series)
George ORWELL	1984. Animal Farm
Jodi PICOULT	My Sister's Keeper. etc
Annabel PITCHER	Ketchup Clouds. My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece
Terry PRATCHETT	Any
Bali RAI	Any
Celia REES	Pirates etc
Meg ROSOFF	Any
Alice SEBOLD	The Lovely Bones
Marcus SEDGWICK	White Crow. Midwinterblood. etc
Ruta SEPETYS	Between Shades of Grey
Graeme SIMSION	The Rosie Project
Alexander McCall SMITH	The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency
Nick SPARKS	any
William SUTCLIFFE	The Wall
Teri TERRY	Slated (series)
Kate THOMPSON	Creature of the Night, etc
J R TOLKIEN	Hobbit, Lord of the Rings
Sue TOWNSEND	Adrian Mole etc
Jenny VALENTINE	Finding Violet Park etc
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