

Year 8 Reading List

Research indicates that students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not (Krashen 1993; Cunningham and Stanovich 1991; Stanovich and Cunningham 1993).

For each unit we study in English, students are expected to read at least one other text independently. The following suggestions are a starting point. Our school librarian, Mrs Jowett, will also support students in finding reading material to support their studies, and we strongly recommend that each student has a library card to access their local library. We hope they enjoy their wider reading.

Unit 1: Genre Study – Gothicism

Edgar Allan Poe
Dracula – Bram Stoker
Frankenstein – Mary Shelley
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children – Ransom Riggs
The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
Northanger Abbey – Jane Austen
The Woman in Black – Susan Hill
The Saga of Darren Shan - Darren Shan
Unraveller – Francis Hardinge
Gallant – VE Schwab
Mistborn – Brandon Sanderson
The Woman in White – Wilkie Collins
The Ghost of Gosswater – Lucy Strange
Mary’s Monster – Lita Judge

Unit 2: A Christmas Carol

David Copperfield – Charles Dickens
Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
Great Expectations – Charles Dickens
The Moonstone – Wilkie Collins
The Collected Ghost Stories of MR James
The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle
The Last of the Spirits – Chris Priestley

The Miracle on Ebenezer Street – Catherine Doyle
The Box of Delights – John Masefield
The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper
One Christmas Wish – Katherine Rundell
The Clockwork Crow – Catherine Fisher
The Snow Sister – Emma Carroll

Unit 3: *Romeo and Juliet*

Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman
The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
Two Sides to Every Murder – Danielle Valentine
Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
Juliet Immortal – Stacey Jay
Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
The Fault in Our Stars – John Green
Delirium – Lauren Oliver
Rebel Born – Amy Bartol
Divergent – Veronica Roth
Daughter of Smoke and Bone – Laini Taylor
These Violent Delights – Chloe Gong

Unit 4: Non-Fiction – Current Affairs

Broadsheet Newspapers – *The Times* / *The Guardian* / *The Independent* / *The Telegraph* – buying weekend editions will give you access to editorials as well as the news;
Mind Your Head – Juno Dawson
This Book will Save the Planet – Dany Sigwalt
How to Be a Bawse – Lilly Singh
The Missing – Michael Rosen
Failosophy – Elizabeth Day
The Bigger Picture – Sophia Bennett
Persepolis – Marjane Satrapi
Politics for Beginners – Alex Frith, Rosie Hore & Louie Stowell
I am Malala – Malala Yousafazi
Hope in a Ballet Shoe – Michaela & Elaine De Prince
The Reason I Jump – Naoki Higashida