Year 7 Suggested Reading list

This Year 7 reading list contains books aimed at children aged 11-12 years old. Many of these books are available to borrow from our school library. This list has been compiled independently by NHS library through a combination of research into our internal reading cloud system focussing on the most popular book loans and specific recommendations from Notley High School English teachers for curriculum based reading.

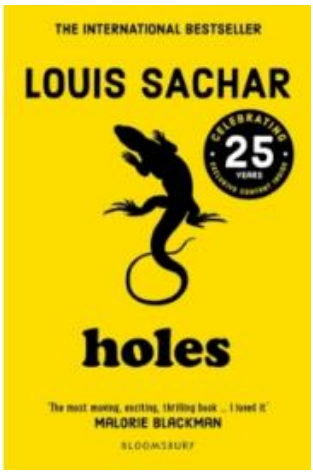
Notley High School curriculum books

(as recommended by NHS English teachers)



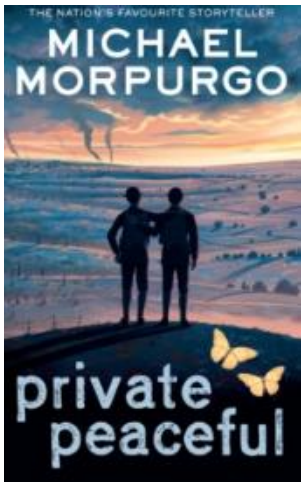
Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Coraline's new neighbours, Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, read tea leaves. In another house there is a mother and father with black-button eyes waiting for Coraline to join them. They want her to stay with them forever. Will she?



Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats IV's family has been cursed since his great-great-grandfather's time and Stanley has been wrongly accused of stealing the shoes of Clyde "Sweet Feet" Livingston, a star basketball player.



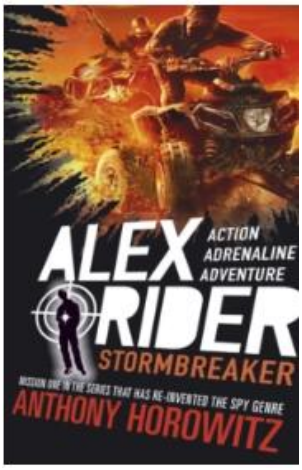
Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

The emotive story of Thomas "Tommo" Peaceful, who is looking back on his life in the trenches of World War I in Belgium. Each chapter brings the reader closer to the present.



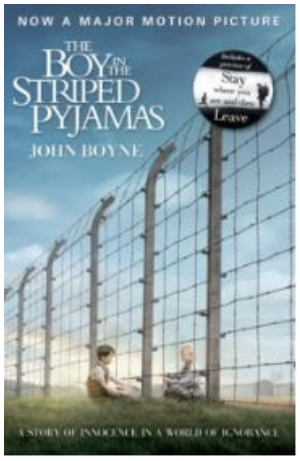
Skellig by David Almond

Michael's world is lonely when he moves to a new house due to his sister being poorly. One afternoon, he enters the old garage of his new home, and discovers something magical.



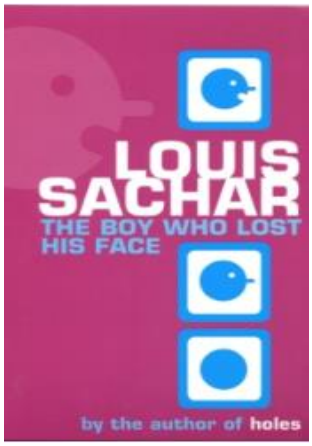
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Fourteen-year-old Alex is recruited into MI6. Sent to investigate Herod Sayle who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country, can Alex use his fancy gadgets to help. The first book in a great series!



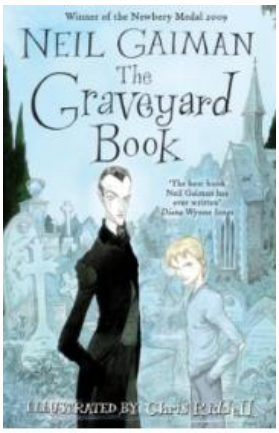
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

Holocaust. Two boys live a strange parallel existence. One side of the adjoining wire fence one of the boys wears a uniform of striped pyjamas. Together through the fence the two boys form a friendship.



The Boy Who Lost His Face by Louis Sachar

David is cursed by an old lady when he helped other boys steal her cane. He can't seem to do anything right. The cool kids mock him and his friends are weirdos. Is Daniel a loser or is the curse responsible?



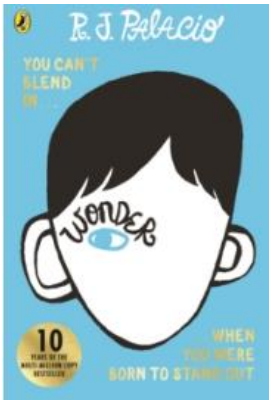
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Bod lives in a graveyard, with ghosts. Living among the dead, he finds out that he possesses magical powers. He can avoid people, enter their dreams and even scare them.



The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Roz the robot has no idea how she arrived on this remote island. She is alone and doesn't know what she's doing there or how she got there. She does know however, she needs to survive.



Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Augie has a terrible facial abnormality. He wants everyone to treat him normally but how can they when he looks so different. How can he persuade everyone that he's just like them?

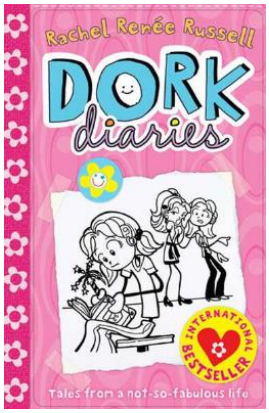
NHS Library Recommendations



Heartstopper by Alice Oseman

Now a Netflix series. Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. Charlie and Nick are at the same school but for some reason have never met, until they are sat together in class. A best selling LGBTQ+ series about life, love and everything else in between.

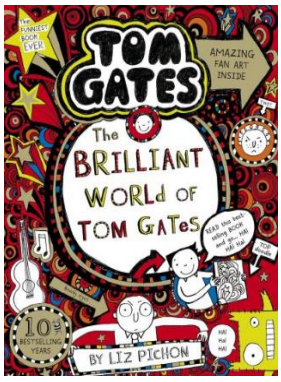
(Other books in the series available from NHS library)



Dork diaries by Rachel Renee Russell

Nicki Maxwell is Queen of the Dorks! Follow her life through doodles, sketches and diary entries as she shares all the details of her life. Full of details about crushes, BFF drama and family.

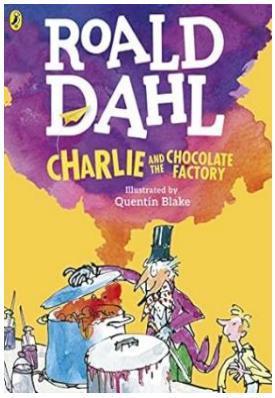
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Tom Gates – The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon

Written in diary form, the Tom Gates books are full of pictures and doodles and his brilliant sense of humour. This series is perfect for boys and girls mainly because it is so funny!

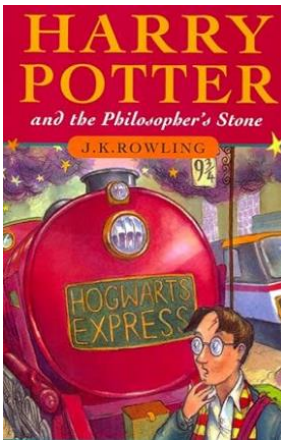
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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Mr Willy Wonka is the most magical chocolate maker in the world. Charlie Bucket is the hero of this story. Holding onto their golden tickets what secrets will Charlie and the other winners discover in this most amazing chocolate factory.

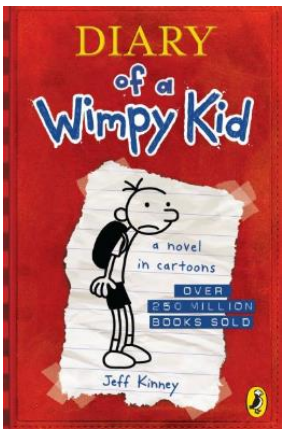
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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling

The first story in this amazing series. The magic begins here when Harry Potter first sets foot inside Hogwarts, the magical school of Witchcraft and Wizardry. With his friends Ron and Hermionie they enter into a world of magic, mystery, excitement and sometimes danger.

(Other books in the series available from NHS Library)



Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley starts a new school and along with his friend Rowley tries to prove his new maturity. The corridors are a difficult place for Greg where the kids are so much bigger than him. A journal full of half cartoons and half words with laughter guaranteed.

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DragonBall by Akira Toriyama

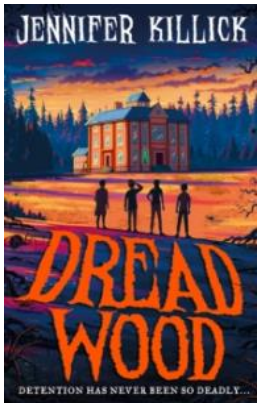
In this Science fiction martial arts Manga, Goku has become the worlds ultimate warrior with his son showing similar skills. However, deadly enemies are threatening the planet and the stakes are getting higher. Can old enemies team up together and save the day?



The Babysitters Club

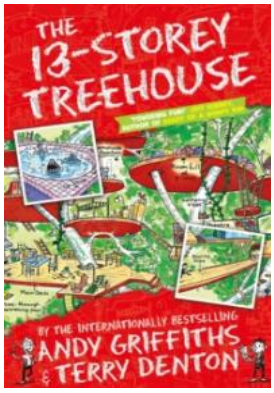
A group of friends set up a babysitting club where parents can call one number and reach several babysitters. Follow their adventures, friendships, school and family issues through this book series.

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Dread Wood by Jennifer Killick

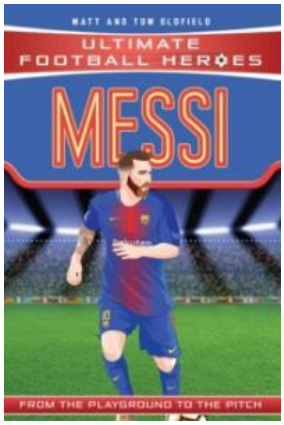
Scary but hilariously comical fun for young horror fans. Forced to come into school on a Saturday class mates think there day can't get any worse. When their teacher gets dragged underground things take a scary turn. Their only hope is to work together.
(Other books in the series available from NHS Library)



The 13th Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

Part of a series this book is full of illustrations and will make you laugh out loud. Good for fans of Dog Man, this best selling book is full of wacky, tree-house adventures.

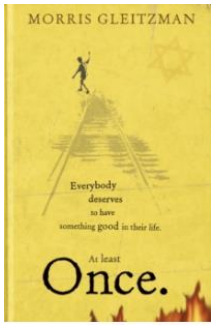
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Messi by Matt and Tom Oldfield

The No. 1 selling football series with over 1 million copies sold. Written in an action packed style these books focus on different football stars including Messi, Ronaldo, Sancho, Saka and many more.

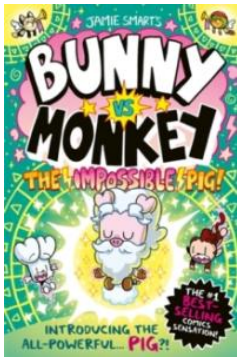
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Once by Morris Gleitzman

Felix has lived high in the mountains of Poland in an orphanage for over 3 years. He is sure his parents are still alive and one day they will come and get him. He manages to escape and find refuge with a kind dentist called Barney who hides all the children. What will happen when the Nazis discover them?

(Other books in the series available from NHS library)



Bunny vs Monkey The Impossible Pig

The woods are in uproar! Pig has vanished so what on earth has happened to him? Could the bearded figure sitting on the cloud be connected to Pig's disappearance?

(Other books in series available from NHS library)