

Year 8 Honour Programme Reading List

English	War  Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo • A moving story set during World War I. • Explores friendship, sacrifice, and the impact of war. Animal Farm  The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins • Examines power, inequality, propaganda, and rebellion. • Provides strong thematic links to <i>Animal Farm</i>. Strong Female Voices  Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls • Inspiring stories of influential women from around the world. • Celebrates achievement, courage, and determination.
Maths	The music of primes – Marcus du Sautoy Closing the gap: The quest to understand prime numbers – Vicky Neale The penguin dictionary of curious and interesting numbers – David Wells A mathematical pandoras box – Brian Bolt The number mysteries – Marcus du Sautoy
Science	Hidden Life of Trees (Young Readers Edition) – Peter Wohlleben Stuff Matters – Mark Miodownik Basher Science: Physics – Why Matter Matters! – Dan Green & Simon Basher
History	Black and British: an illustrated history for young readers by David Olusoga (ISBN-10 = 1529052955) Story of Now: Let's Talk about the British Empire by Shelina Janmohamed (ISBN-10 = 1803381442)

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	<u>The Tudors: A Very Peculiar History</u> by Jim Pipe (ISBN-10 = 1835871143) Slimy Stuarts (Horrible Histories) by Terry Deary (ISBN-10 = 0702319074)
Geography	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (ISBN: 1101637420) The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate - Discoveries from a Secret World (1771643773) The Bone Sparrow (ISBN: 1510101594)
Art	<i>Art A Children's Encyclopedia - DK Children's Visual Encyclopedia</i>. Packed with fascinating facts, clear explanations, and stunning photography, this book takes you on a magical tour through time exploring every artistic style and movement. <i>'The drawing lesson' by Mark Crilley</i> is the essential fundamentals that artists need in order to master drawing, all in a unique visual format, with lessons on shading, negative space, creating compositions and more. <i>How Art Works: The Concepts Visually Explained (DK How Stuff Works)</i> uses practical graphics to demonstrate the techniques, styles, materials, and concepts that lie behind great art. It shows you how to interpret paintings, drawings, and sculptures, and reveals how art is made, laying out the key techniques and materials in visual detail.
DT and ICT	DESIGN TECHNOLOGY STUDENT WORKBOOK: YEAR 8 Author: Wilkinson, Rachael The Super Easy Teen Cookbook: 75 Simple Step-by-Step Recipes by Christina Hitchcock (Author) Sewing projects for beginners adults & teens: easy DIY sewing book with mini pattern illustration and small business ideas by B.L Emma (Author) CODING FOR TEENS AGES 13-19: Learn Python, JavaScript and Game Design with Real Projects for Beginners and High School Students by Avery Codewell

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Performing Arts	• Drama: The Usborne Introduction to the Theatre – Eileen O'Brien • Drama: Commedia dell'Arte: An Actor's Handbook (<i>for more able readers</i>) – John Rudlin • Dance: Dance Around the World – Theresa Jill Buckland • Music: The Ukulele Man: The Story of a Prisoner of War of the Japanese and His Ukulele - Ray Withnall
Spanish	El misterio de la estrella – Author: Maiá Prodo Pequeñas Aventuras: El Bosque de los Secretos – Author: Ali Ross Spanish Novels: Muerte en Buenos Aires – Author: Paco Ardit