

Catch Me Reading!

You are invited to take part in a Reading Competition over the summer break.

We are encouraging you to be photographed whilst reading in an interesting location.
Remember to be safe.

Entries will be judged in September and there will be prizes for the winning entries in each year group.



Recommended Reading list for Key Stage 3

Odder by Katherine Applegate

Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. She's a fearless daredevil, curious to a fault.

Amari and the Night Brothers by B B Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, an African American girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

Mystery in the Palace of Westminster by Sarah Lustig

A mystery set in Number 10 Downing Street and Parliament.

The Paper & Hearts Society by Lucy Powrie

After suffering bullying at her previous school, Tabby is reluctant to try to make new friends. But when she learns of a newly formed book club - she realises she has found "her people".

Ghost Hawk by Susan Cooper

At the end of a winter-long journey into manhood, Little Hawk returns to find his village decimated by a white man's plague, and when Little Hawk dies violently, his spirit remains trapped.

Cloudburst by Wilbur Smith

A taut, tightly plotted thriller which puts young people firmly in the driving seat, but there's lots about family and relationships too.

Escape Room by Christopher Edge

When Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game, the ultimate escape room with challenges to beat before time runs out. But as the Host locks Ami and her teammates inside the first room, they quickly realise the stakes are sky-high.

Rosie Raja: Churchill's Spy by Sufiya Ahmed

It's 1941 and eleven-year-old Princess Rosina has been taken from India to England after her mother's death. Life changes dramatically for Rosie when she discovers that her army captain father is a spy for the British government. She can't bear to be left behind, so she stows away in his plane. Together, they must pose as a French family and help the resistance. But there are sympathisers of the Nazis everywhere. Who can Rosie trust?

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The book tells the story of an impulsive and adventurous young boy named Jim Hawkins who comes across a treasure map. He goes on a journey to try and recover the treasure, which once belonged to the famous Captain Flint. On his journey, he meets Long John Silver, a one-legged cook who ends up leading a pirate mutiny.

The Girl Who Became a Tree - A Story Told in Poems by Joseph Coelho

Based on the legend of Daphne – she was a Naiad-nymph who was loved by the god Apollo who pursued her until she grew exhausted and called on Gaia for help. She was transformed into a laurel tree which Apollo then adopted as his sacred plant. This creates a clever and intriguing interweaving of the ancient legend with the reaction and feelings of a girl, also called Daphne, who is coping with the grief caused by the loss of her father. She turns to her phone for aid, and her local library as she tries to sort out the past and find a way to build connections again.

A Nest of Vipers by Catherine Johnson

The youngest member of a collective of pick pockets and con artists in 18 Century London, Cato Hopkins appears at risk of paying penance with his life...

Can You See Me? By Libby Scott, Rebecca Westcott (author)

With diary entries written by eleven-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism, this pioneering book, written in collaboration with esteemed author Rebecca Westcott, has been widely praised for its realistic portrayal of autism.

Endearing, insightful and warmly uplifting, Can You See Me? is a story of autism, empathy and kindness that will touch readers of all ages.

Bud, not Buddy

Ten-year-old Bud is a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression. He escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Boy Everywhere – by A M Dassu

Sami is a typical 13-year-old until a bombing in a mall forces his family to flee Damascus for a new life in the UK. Sami faces cruelty, indifference, and many dangers on his journey, but also encounters help and kindness from unexpected places.

Swarm Rising – by Tim Peake and Steve Cole

When Danny is kidnapped by Adi—who can run through brick walls and make cars drive on water—he realises that all humans are in danger. This adventure takes you from Danny's house to the outside edge of the solar system as doomsday dawns for human life as we know it...

The Lifters by Dave Eggers

When Gran and his family move to Carousel, he has no idea that the town is built atop a secret. Little does he suspect, as he walks his sister to school or casually eats a banana, that mysterious forces lurk mere inches beneath his feet.

Top Marks for Murder (A Murder most unladylike mystery) by Robin Stevens

Daisy and Hazel are back at Deepdean School for Girls, where the Anniversary Weekend is underway. But as parents arrive at Deepdean, secrets begin to surface. Then a murder happens, and the girls must solve it before the school closes forever.

Earthfall by Mark Walden

Sam survives an alien invasion and joins the resistance against the alien force. With thrills, spills, high-tech gadgets, chases, explosions, and a whole planet to fight for it is the start of a brilliant book series.

H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) by Mark Walden

13-year-old Otto has been chosen to attend H.I.V.E. a top-secret school of villainy. There is one small catch – he cannot leave until his training is complete. He is left with one option, escape. He just needs to figure out how!

The Blue Book of Nebo by Manon Steffan Ros – Carnegie winner 2023 (14+).

Dylan was six when The End came and the 'normal' world he knew disappeared. Now he's 14 and he and his mam have survived in isolation. Each has secrets which they write in the Blue Book of Nebo. Mature content.



Happy Holidays!