

Year 9 Reading List

- Does My Head Look Big In This?** *Randa Abdel-Fattah*
Amal decides she is going to wear a hijab, including to school.
- The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy** *Douglas Adams*
Humorous science fiction
- Exodus** *Julie Bertagna*
A desperate battle for survival in a flooded world
- Noble Conflict** *Malorie Blackman*
After a violent war destroyed much of the world the Guardians are tasked with keeping the peace without resorting to the methods of the enemy.
- Buried Thunder** *Tim Bowler*
A horror story starting with the discovery of 3 bodies in the forest
- Remembrance** *Theresa Breslin*
Five teenagers' experiences of the First World War
- Wuthering Heights** *Emily Bronte*
The classic love story of an impossible romance
- Kissing the Rain** *Kevin Brooks*
Moo saw a car chase and a murder. Threatened, he is scared to tell the truth.
- Leaving Poppy** *Kate Cann*
A psychological thriller in which Amber has to get away from her sister
- Forget-me-not** *Anne Cassidy*
A twenty-year-old guilty secret is uncovered.
- After Tomorrow** *Gillian Cross*
Money has become worthless and armed gangs roam the streets. The only hope of escape is through the Tunnel but refugees are not welcome on the other side.
- Tempest** *Julie Cross*
19-old Jackson is a normal guy... he's in college, has a girlfriend... and he can travel back through time, which lands him in some difficult situations.
- Annexed** *Sharon Dogar*
The story of the boy who loved Anne Frank
- A Gathering Light** *Jennifer Donnelly*
Mattie is torn between her loyalty to her family and her desire to go to university, until a handsome guy gives her another reason to stay at home.
- Auslander** *Paul Dowswell*
Peter is an orphan from Poland. He is adopted by a Nazi family and expected to emulate them.
- The Road of Bones** *Anne Fine*
Yuri won't keep from speaking his mind and is sent to a prison camp.
- An Act of Love** *Alan Gibbons*
As childhood friends Chris and Imran are inseparable but later one joins the army, the other becomes a potential jihad recruit.
- The Fault in our Stars** *John Green*
Two teenage cancer sufferers fall in love.
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** *Mark Haddon*
Christopher is different. He has a photographic memory but he cannot understand emotions. He always says what he thinks.
- Colony** *J.A. Henderson*
A small island is harbouring a military secret. When they reach puberty the children on the island will carry a virus that makes people attack each other.

The Moth Diaries	<i>Rachel Klein</i>
In a girls' boarding school, one girl fears that a new girl is a vampire and that her friend is sick because her blood is being sucked.	
The Garbage King	<i>Elizabeth Laird</i>
Two runaways in Ethiopia	
The Returners	<i>Gemma Malley</i>
Will is being followed by some strange people who say they know hm.	
Life of Pi	<i>Yann Martel</i>
A shipwreck survivor on a lifeboat with a tiger has a fantastic tale to tell.	
Blood Ties	<i>Sophie McKenzie</i>
Theo and Rachel try to discover their true identities.	
The Knife of Never Letting Go	<i>Patrick Ness</i>
A world where everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts	
Angel's Fury	<i>Bryony Pearce</i>
A fallen angel is causing hate and blame to continue through people who are continually reborn and have nightmares about what their previous selves did.	
Earthbound	<i>Aprilynne Pike</i>
Tavia is the only survivor of a plane crash that might not have been an accident. Now she is having visions of a boy she has never met.	
Ketchup Clouds	<i>Annabel Pitcher</i>
Zoe has done something terribly wrong and the only person she can tell is a prisoner on death row she writes letters to.	
Northern Lights	<i>Philip Pullman</i>
In a parallel world of witches and armoured bears, Lyra has an important but as yet unknown role to play. She just wants to rescue her friend.	
The Truth about Celia Frost	<i>Paula Rawsthorne</i>
Celia must be careful never to get the slightest cut. She thinks it is because she would bleed to death but actually there is something much more dangerous to her.	
Across the Universe	<i>Beth Revis</i>
Amy is frozen for the 300 year journey to a new planet. She is woken early when someone tries to murder her.	
What I Was	<i>Meg Rosoff</i>
On a cross-country run a boy escapes to a tidal island, where he makes an unusual friend who lives there alone.	
Divergent	<i>Veronica Roth</i>
At 16 everyone must side which faction of society they belong to and then undergo extreme initiation tests.	
Revolver	<i>Marcus Sedgwick</i>
Sig is alone in a cabin in the Arctic with the frozen body of his father when there is a knock on the door and secrets are revealed.	
Heretic	<i>Sarah Singleton</i>
Isabella has been hiding from her persecutors for 300 years in the fairy world, Elizabeth is frightened because her family are hiding a priest.	
I Capture the Castle	<i>Dodie Smith</i>
Cassandra's eccentric family are struggling to survive in genteel poverty in the ruins of an ancient castle when two brothers from America move in nearby.	
Iceland	<i>Betsy Tobin</i>
A romance set in a land where people still live alongside the Norse gods	
Ant Colony	<i>Jenny Valentine</i>
33 Georgina Street is home to an eclectic mix of misfits and runaways.	