

St Aidan's Church of England High School Library  
Recommended Reads for Year 7

**Adventure**

A Murder Most Unladylike	Robin Stevens	Daisy and Hazel, young detectives
Bone Talk	Candy Gourlay	Adventure story set in the Philippines
Car-jacked	Ali Sparkes	A car-jack adventure, a clever ending
The Dog Runner	Bren Macdibble	adventure story/future of the planet
The Eleventh Orphan	Joan Lingard	Mystery set in Victorian London
The Explorer	Katherine Rundell	Survival in the Amazon rainforest
Goth Girl	Chris Riddell	Whimsical adventure
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman	Ghostly adventure
The Island at the End of Everything	Kiran Millward	Friendship, adventure and differences
Itch	Simon Mayo	Gripping, action packed
The Machine Gunners	Robert Westall	Friends find a crashed German bomber
Mortal Chaos	Matt Dickinson	Clever intertwined adventures
Now is the Time for Running	Michael Williams	Football themed adventure
Once	Morris Gleitzman	Moving WW2 story
Running on the Roof of the World	Jess Butterworth	Adventure set in India and Tibet
Secrets of a Sun King	Emma Carroll	Ancient Egyptian adventure

**Classics (see also the Classics book list)**

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	A great American novel
Little Women	Louisa M Alcott	Family classic
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	Classic horse story
Charlotte's Web	E B White	Fantastic story of friendship
The Eagle of the Ninth	Rosemary Sutcliff	Historical saga
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian	A touching, powerful WW 2 story
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C S Lewis	Chronicles of Narnia
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	A magical story
Smith	Leon Garfield	18 <sup>th</sup> C London street urchin
Street Child	Berlie Doherty	Orphaned in London in 1860
The Sword in the Stone	T H White	Following the life of King Arthur
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	Fabulous haunting tale

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**Fantasy**

The Box of Delights	John Masefield	Magical powers
The Dark is Rising	Susan Cooper	Will (11) must drive out the 'dark'
The Girl of Ink and Stars	Kiran Hargrave	A magical adventure
The House With Chicken Legs	Sophie Anderson	Magical realism
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke	No 1 of a brilliant trilogy
Invisible in a Bright Light	Sally Gardener	Fantasy thriller
The Light Jar	Lisa Thompson	Fantasy adventure
Magisterium	Cassandra Clare	Magic, secrets and lies
Mister Monday	Garth Nix	Very popular series
Percy Jackson series	Riordan, R	Half boy, half god, all hero
The Storm Keeper's Island	Catherine Doyle	Funny, dark, magical
Weirdstone of Brisingamen	Alan Garner	Classic fantasy adventure
Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver	Chronicles of Ancient Darkness1
Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken	1832-wolves- Channel Tunnel??

**General**

A Good Day For Climbing Trees	Jaco Jacobs	Friendship, trees, activism, humour
Boy	Roald Dahl	Autobiography of his early life
Boy 87	Ele Fountain	Realities of life as a refugee
The Children of Willesden Lane	Mona Golabek	Music, Kindertransport, hope
The Fastest Boy in the world	Elizabeth Laird	Moving Ethiopian adventure
The Guggenheim Mystery	Robin Stevens	Gripping mystery
Star by Star	Sheena Wilkinson	Suffragettes, heroes, courage, survival

**Humour**

Demolition Dad	Phil Earle	The Story of Jake Biggs and his Dad
Dragons at Crumbling Castle	Terry Pratchett	It's a disaster!
The Last Kids On Earth	Max Brallier	Monsters ...
Secret Diary of Adrian Mole	Sue Townsend	Teenage diary – very funny
Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy	Gripping, funny, spooky read
Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth	Frank Cottrell Boyce	Hilarious, sad and just brilliant

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