KS4 Wider Reading (English)

Crime



Bradley, A. – The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie (Flavia de Luce series)

England 1950. Eleven-year-old Flavia is plotting revenge on her older sisters. Then a dead bird is left on the doorstep and a body is found in the garden. Flavia decides to do some investigating ...

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Horowitz, A. – The Magpie Murders (series)

Bestselling crime writer Alan Conway's latest tale includes dead bodies and intriguing suspects, but hidden in the pages lies another story, which his editor must unravel to solve a real-life mystery.

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McManus, K. - One of Us is Lying (series)

Five students walk into detention. Only four come out alive. Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online.

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Dystopia/Sci-Fi



Dick, P. - Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

World War Terminus had left the Earth devastated. Through its ruins, bounty hunter Rick Deckard stalks, in search of the renegade replicants who are his prey. Made into the film "Blade Runner".

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Herbert, F. – Dune

Melange, or 'spice', is the most valuable - and rarest - element in the universe. And it can only be found on the planet of Arrakis. Whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice – and the universe.

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Ishiguro, K. – Never Let Me Go*

In a darkly skewed version of contemporary England, Kathy attempts to come to terms with the fate that has always awaited her and her closest friends.

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Classics



Austen, J. - Persuasion*

Eight years ago Anne Elliot bowed to pressure from her family and decided not to marry the man she loved. Now circumstances have brought him back and Anne finds her old feelings for him reignited.

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Dickens, C. – Oliver Twist*

Orphaned Oliver runs away from the workhouse only to be taken in by a den of thieves. Plunged into a dark criminal underworld, Oliver struggles to survive and find his real family.



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Orwell, G. – Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in, which controls him through the watchful eye of Big Brother.

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Fantasy



Hoffman, M. – Stravaganza: City of Masks (series)

The narrative follows Lucien, who in this world is ill with cancer. He is given a marbled notebook, which transports him to a parallel world in the 16th century - where he is no longer ill.

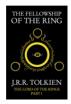
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Martin, J. - Ariadnis

Aula and Joomia have been chosen to decide the fate of their people. On their eighteenth birthday, they will compete in a mysterious and dangerous trial to prevent a war between their two nations.

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Tolkein, J.R.R. - The Lord of the Rings (trilogy)*

Sauron has gathered the Rings of Power – which will enable him to rule Middle-Earth. All he lacks is the One Ring that rules them all — which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

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Non-Fiction



Munroe, R. - What If? Serious Scientific Answers To Absurd Hypothetical Questions

Munroe's hilarious and compelling answers explain everything from the odds of meeting your one true soulmate to how many humans a rampaging T-Rex would need to eat a day.

Available in the Library at 500 MUN



Newbery, L. - This Book is Cruelty-Free: Animals and Us

If you've ever wondered how you can make your diet cruelty-free, whether it's ethical to own a pet, or if insects are actually important - this book is for you.

Available in the Library at 179.3 NEW



Thomas, G. – Proud: My Autobiography

The only place Gareth Thomas felt at peace was on the pitch, playing the sport he loved. But all his success didn't make the strain of hiding the secret of who he really was go away.

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Horror/Gothic



Blackman, M. - The Stuff of Nightmares

Kyle has always been afraid of things, especially dying. But when he gets on the train that is taking him and his class on a school trip, he has no idea how close to Death he is going to come.

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Gaiman, N. – The Sandman: Volume 1: Preludes And Nocturnes

An occultist attempting to capture Death to bargain for eternal life traps her younger brother Dream instead. After his imprisonment and escape, Dream, goes on a quest for his lost objects of power.

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Hill, S. – The Woman in Black

Arthur Kipps is summoned to attend the funeral of Mrs Alice Drablow, and to sort through her papers before returning to London. It is here that he first sees the woman in black ...

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Action/Adventure



Buchan, J. – The Thirty-Nine Steps*

Richard Hannay gets caught up quite suddenly in a situation of extreme danger. Before he knows what is happening he is the suspect for a murder committed in his own flat, and has to go on the run.

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Reynolds, J. - Long Way Down

After Will's brother is shot in a gang crime, he knows the next steps - revenge. He goes to the tower block where the killer lives, but when the lift door opens in walks Will's friend who died years ago.

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Ryan, C. - Agent 21 (series)

Zak becomes Agent 21. What happened to the 20 agents before him he'll never know. What he does know is that his life is about to change for ever ... Written by ex-SAS soldier Chris Ryan.

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Real Life/Political



De Waal, K. – My Name is Leon

It's 1981, a year of riots and royal weddings. Trying to find a place in it all is nine-year-old Leon. He and his little brother are fostered by Maureen. They've lost one home, but have they found another?

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Hosseini, K. - The Kite Runner**

Twelve-year-old Amir is desperate to win the local kite-fighting tournament and his loyal friend Hassan promises to help him. But what happens to Hassan that afternoon will shatter their lives.

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Puri, P. – The Jungle

Setting out in search of a better life, Mico finds himself navigating one of the world's most inhospitable environments – "The Jungle" refugee camp in Calais.

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Relationships/Issues



Crossan, S. - One

Grace and Tippi don't like being stared and sneered at, but they're used to it. They're conjoined twins - united in blood and bone. What they want is to be looked at in turn, like they truly are two people.

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Green, J. – The Fault in Our Stars

Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous boy appears at her support group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

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Neilsen, S – We Are All Made of Molecules

Ashley is popular, cool and sees things very differently to her new family. Her step-brother Stewart is geeky, gifted and can't quite fit in at his new school. Then they both meet the school hunk, Jared ...

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Historical



Chevalier, T. – Remarkable Creatures

When Mary Anning uncovers dinosaur fossils in the cliffs near her home, she sets the scientific world alight, but also faces fierce opposition from society and the church.

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Sepetys, R. - Between Shades of Grey

One night fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother and young brother are hauled from their home by Soviet guards, thrown into cattle cars and sent away. They are being deported to Siberia.

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Spiegelman, A. – Maus

This classic graphic novel tells the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story.

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- ** Trigger warning sexual assault

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