

Year 8 – Recommended Reads

Here are a few ideas of what you might enjoy reading over the summer. Don't worry if you can't find these exact books in your local library – just read anything that you like the look of – and if you really enjoy one, we'd love you to write a review on the Library webpage to tell people about it.



Adams, D. – The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series)

One Thursday lunchtime Earth is unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyperspace bypass. Sadly, however, the weekend has only just begun. And the Galaxy is a very, very large...

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Adeyemi, T. – Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orisha series)

In Orisha only a few people remain with the power to use magic, and they must remain hidden. Zelig is one such person. Now she has a chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy.

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Ahmed, S. – Internment

Set in a horrifying 'fifteen minutes in the future' United States, 17-year-old Layla Amin is forced into an internment camp for Muslim-Americans along with her parents. She then leads a revolution ...

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Alcott, L. – Little Women (series)

Here are talented tomboy and author-to-be Jo, frail Beth, beautiful Meg, and spoiled Amy, united in their devotion to each other and their struggles to survive during the American Civil War.

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Bell, A. – Frozen Charlotte

Dunvegan School for Girls has been closed for many years. Converted into a family home, the teachers and students are long gone. But they left something behind ... The girl that died.

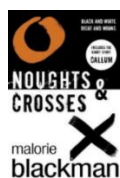
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Bilan, J. – Asha & the Spirit Bird

Asha lives in the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her dad who works in the city. When he stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving.

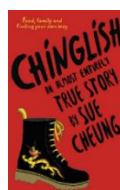
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Blackman, M. – Noughts and Crosses (series)

Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member of the underclass. They have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go.

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Cheung, S. – Chinglish

Jo is a teenager growing up with her annoying little sister, too-cool older brother, a series of very unlucky pets and utterly bonkers parents, living above her parents' Chinese takeaway.

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Doctorow, C. – In Real Life

Anda loves a role playing game. But things become more complicated when Anda befriends a poor Chinese kid whose job is to collect valuable objects and sell them to other players for real money.

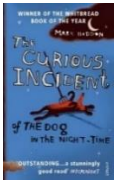
Available in St Aidan’s Library at GR DOC (Graphic Novels)



Earle, P. – Edgar and Adolf

German teenager Adi sets off to fulfil his grandfather's dying wish and return a badge to its owner, a former England footballer. He learns more about a friendship that survived the horror of WWII.

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Haddon, M. – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Christopher loves lists, patterns and the truth, but has never ventured past the end of his road. When he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out to solve the mystery.

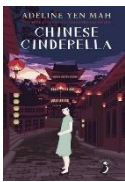
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Hargrave, K.M. – The Girl of Ink and Stars

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search.

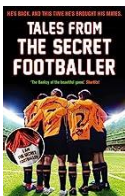
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Mah, A.Y. – Chinese Cinderella

Jung-ling's family considers her bad luck. Her stepmother is vindictive and cruel and her father dismissive. They discriminate against her, yet she yearns and continuously strives for their love.

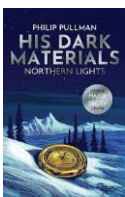
Available in St Aidan’s Library at 920 MAH (Non-Fiction)



Secret Footballer: Tales from the Secret Footballer

Players, agents, coaches and managers give you access to all areas of the Premier League. From deal-making to play-making, they reveal the unforgettable highs and the unforgivable lows.

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Pullman, P. – His Dark Materials (series)

When Lyra finds out there’s an expedition to find other worlds very different to her own, a chain of events catapults her into several perilous journeys and a search for the truth.

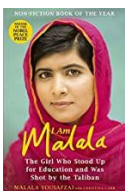
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Satrapi, M. - Persepolis

Paints an unforgettable (and often funny) portrait of daily life in Iran and of the bewildering contradictions between home life and public life.

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Yousafzai, M. – I am Malala

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl fought for her right to an education. In October 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price when she was shot at point-blank range.

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