Recommended Reads: Year 7

Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Brocket by John Boyne Bodyguard or The Soul Hunters (& sequels) -C Bradford Mortal Chaos or Lie, Kill, Walk Away by M Dickinson * Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman Hide and Seeker by Daka Hermon Murder in Midwinter by Fleur Hitchcock High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson I Have No Secrets by Penny Joelson **Don't Doubt the Rainbow** by Anthony Kessel Eight Pieces of Silva/Splinters of Sunshine-Lawrence* Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean* Edge of Extinction by Laura Martin Hatchet by Gary Paulsen Ruby in the Smoke by Phillip Pullman Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper or The Explorer by K Rundell Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick*

Animal Fiction

The Shark Caller by Zillah Bethell (sharks)
Fenway and Hattie by Victoria Cole (dogs)
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo (horses)
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry (wolves)
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (dogs)
Cat Tales: True Stories of Fantastic Felines- P Rich (cats)
Dreaming the Bear by Mimi Thebo (grizzly bears)

Environment & Climate Change

Where the River Runs Gold by Sita Brahmachari
World Burn Down by Steve Cole (SR)
Breathe by Sarah Crossan
Melt by Ele Fountain
Squirm, Flush, Chomp or Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

FloodWorld & DustRoad by Tom Huddleston

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

Moon Bear or White Dolphin by Gill Lewis

The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea - B Macdibble

Between Sea and Sky & World Turns Wild by N Penfeld

Here in the Real World by Sarah Pennypacker

The Summer We Turned Green by William Sutcliffe

No One is Too Small to Make a Difference— G Thunberg

Harklights by Tim Tilley

The Last Wild (& sequels) by Piers Torday

Dystopian & Science Fiction

The Infinite (& sequels) by Patience Agbabi The Middler or Troofriend by Kirsty Applebaum The Last Human by Lee Bacon Ink by Alice Broadway* City of Rust by Gemma Fowler Gone or BRZK (& sequels) -Michael Grant* How I Saved the World in a Week by Polly Ho-Yen Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake* The Giver and Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry* The Supreme Lie by Geraldine McCaughrean Show Us Who You Are by Elle McNicholl No Man's Land by Joanna Nadin The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)-P Ness * Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)-P Reeve Scythe, Unwind (& sequels) - N Shusterman * **Destination Earth** by Ali Sparkes Contagion or Slated (& sequels) by Teri Terry* The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey The Maze Runner Trilogy – James Dashner

Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

The House With Chicken Legs & Girl/Bear -S. Anderson Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo* Asha & The Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan Artemis Fowl (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer Pet by Akwaeke Emezi* Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels) by Maz Evans Ranger's Apprentice or Brotherband - J Flanagan Inkheart (& sequels) or Reckless by Cornelia Funke The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin (!) Rumaysa: A Fairytale by Radiya Hafiza Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave **Skulduggery Pleasant** (& sequels) by Derek Landy **Eragon** (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini **Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher** – Chris Priestley Northern Lights (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman * Goth Girl (& sequels) by Chris Riddell (SR) Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Riggs Alcatraz & Evil Librarians (& sequels) by B Sanderson Zom-B or Cirque du Freak (& sequels) by D. Shan Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard Black Panther the Young Prince by Roland L Smith Fear Street by RL Stine The Edge Chronicles by P Stewart and C Riddell

Children of the Quicksands by Efua Traore

Graphic Novels (GN), Short Stories (SS), Verse

Novels (VN), Super-Readables (SR)

Booked, Crossover, Rebound y Kwame Alexander (VN)

Gamer (& sequels) by Chris Bradford (SR)

Jon for Short by Malorie Blackman (SR)

Flying Lessons & Other Stories ed by Ellen Oh (SS)

Coraline: Graphic Novel by Neil Gaiman & C Russell (GN)

Amazons, Abolitionists and Activitists: A Graphic

History of Women's Fight for Rights - Mikki Kendall (GN)

Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi (GN)

I am Minotaur by Anthony McGowan (SR)

Dark Peak by Marcus Sedgwick (SR)

Operation Frog Effect by Sara Scheerger

Dracula by Bram Stoker retold by Burgan & Ruiz (GN)

Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure) - Tracey Turner (SR)

The Immigrant Experience & Refugees

No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton

Efren Divided by Ernesto Cisneros

Illegal by Eoin Colfer (GN)

Boy, Everywhere by A.M. Dassu

Boy 87 by Ele Fountain

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion

The Island by Armin Greder (PB for older readers)

The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan

Other Words For Home by Jasmine Warga (VN)

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

The Windrush Child or Refugee Boy*-B Zephaniah

Relationships & Tough Situations

Cyborg Cat (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan*

Boy Underwater by Adam Baron

Artichoke Hearts or Jasmine Skies -S. Brahmachari

A Pocketful of Stars by Aisha Bushby

One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee -S Crossan*

Heartbeat by Sharon Creech

Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow by B Dean

Stella By Starlight or **Blended** by Sharon Draper

Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy - P Earle

The Many Worlds of Albie Bright - Chris Edge

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Tulip Touch by A. Fine

Check Mates & The Perfect Parent Project by S Foster

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten

George or Rick by Alex Gino

Tall Story or Shine by Candy Gourlay

After the Fire by Will Hill*

Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

Red Sky in the Morning or Secret Friends -E Laird

Scarlet Ibis, Swan Song, or Eagle Warrior (SR) - G Lewis

Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark by Anthony McGowan *

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicholl

Pax or Here in the Real World - S Pennypacker

The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Rauf

Ghost Boys or Black Brother[...] Jewell P Rhodes

Can You See Me or Do You Know Me-Scott & Westcott

The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla*

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli *

Clean Getaway or Fast Pitch by Nic Stone

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas*

Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

The 1000 Year Old Boy or Time/Hamster - Ross Welford

A Boy Called Hope or Ocean/Armchair - by L Williamson

Brown Girl Dreaming or Harbor Me - J Woodson*

Sports

Kick by Mitch Johnson

The Fix by Sophie McKenzie

Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu (Track series) by J Reynolds

Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary Schmidt*

History, War & Conflict

Unbound by Anne Burg*(VN)

The Short Knife by Elen Caldecott*

Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven - Dowswell

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper*

The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery

When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle (WWII)

Under a War-Torn Sky or Suspect Red y L.M. Elliott

Once (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman

Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay

Grenade, Ground Zero or Prisoner B-3087 - Alan Gratz*

Race to the Frozen North, 1783, Blade and Bones or

Sawbones by Catherine Johnson

Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen*

Crusade by Elizabeth Laird

After the War, Armistice Runner or Over/Line-T Palmer

Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story or The Royal Rebel: The Life of Suffragette Princess Sophia Singh by Bali Rai

Salt to the Sea or Fountains of Silence by R Sepetys *

Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliffe

The Land by Mildred D Taylor*

Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle*

^{* =} Content is slightly more mature