

Reading at Highfields

A Year 7 Guide



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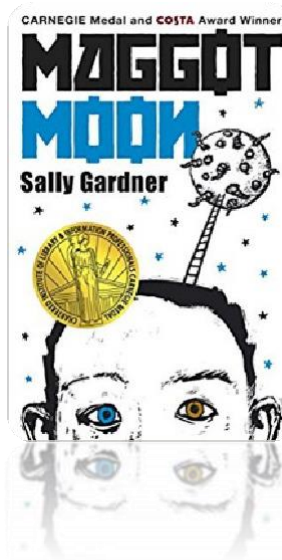
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Year 7 Wider Reading List

The following books have been recommended by our Literacy Ambassadors. All the texts are available in the LRC on the Communications floor. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did!

- Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth – Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Wonder – R.J. Palacio
- The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness
- A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
- Northern Lights – Phillip Pullman
- The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
- The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
- Nation – Terry Pratchett
- Coraline - Neil Gaiman
- The Fastest Boy in the World – Elizabeth Laird
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain
- Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk
- Auslander – Paul Doswell
- The Weight of Water – Sarah Crossan
- The Fire Eaters – David Almond
- Wolf Brother Series – Michelle Paver
- The Ruby in the Smoke – Phillip Pullman
- Demon Dentist – David Walliams
- The Middle of Nowhere – Geraldine McCaughrean
- Framed – Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Ruby Red – Linzi Glass
- A Boy and a Bear in a Boat – David Shelton
- War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
- Railhead – Phillip Reeve
- Maggot Moon – Sally Gardner.
- Harry Potter and The Cursed Child – J.K. Rowling
- Eleven – Paul Doswell
- Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen
- The Nest – Kenneth Oppel
- A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snickett

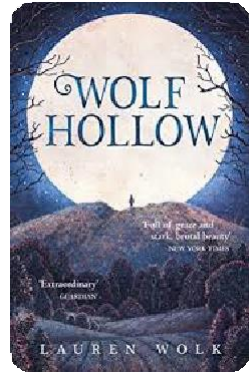


Why is Reading Important at Highfields?

At Highfields we are passionate about promoting reading!

As students make the transition from primary to secondary school, it is vital that we work together to encourage students to enjoy reading for pleasure both at school and at home.

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a significant impact on academic achievement, supporting students to widen their range of vocabulary and develop their ability to write with precision and creativity.



However, it's also important to acknowledge the importance of the pleasure and imaginative aspects of reading. Through reading children are free to choose; the worlds they visit, the characters they meet, the points of view they encounter and the visions they create.

What's on Offer at Highfields?

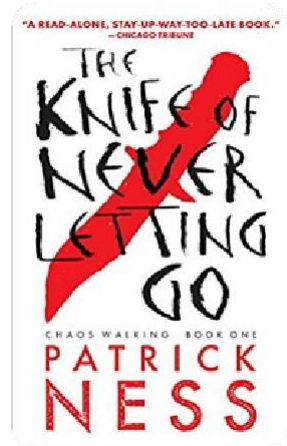
We have a variety of opportunities for readers to enjoy at Highfields:

- Weekly Book club
- Carnegie Reading group – from March
- Excelsior Manga and Graphic Novel award group – from January
- Author visits and trips
- Wide range of brand new reading books in our LRC
- Accelerated Reader program
- Switch On Reading Intervention
- KS3 and KS4 literature podcasts
- Reading time during registration
- Literacy Ambassadors scheme
- Paired Reading
- Reading based 'starter activities'
- World Book Day!
- International Poetry Day
- Recommended reading lists for each year group

Supporting your Child with Reading

Research shows that parents play a key role in helping children to develop a love to reading. Try these tips to encourage your child to enjoy reading at home.

- Let your child see you reading!
- Let your child choose what to read, rather than choosing what you think they should read.
- Encourage your child to read magazines, comics, newspapers and the internet as well as books.
- Talk to your child about books or magazines you haven't enjoyed, as well as things you love.
- Make time to read together if you can.
- Buy books as presents. Don't forget TV tie-ins and books about interests such as computer games or bands.
- Remember that your child is reading when they are looking at bus timetables, menus, instructions, TV guides and the internet.



Further Support

Do not hesitate to contact me for further support at kallen@hswv.co.uk. You can also visit the following recommended websites for reading recommendations and guidance:

- www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/
- www.bookstrust.org.uk
- www.literacytrust.org.uk
- www.bookbuzz.org.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise.

