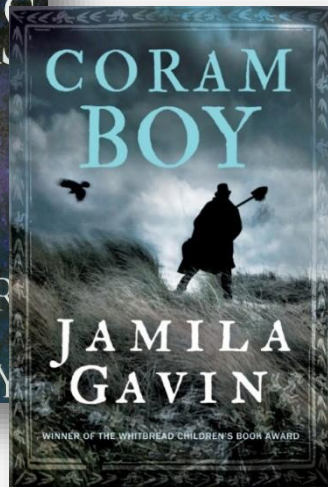
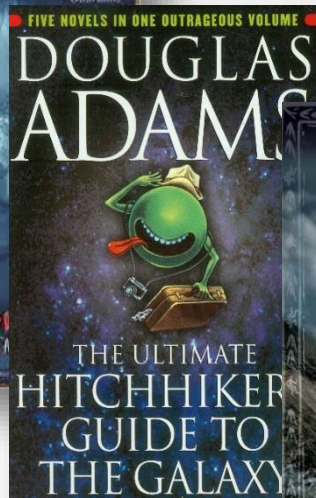
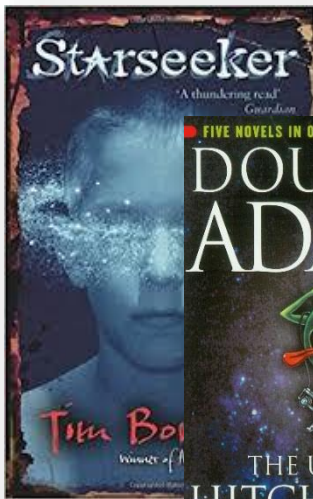


Reading at Highfields

A Year 9 Guide



Year 9 Wider Reading List

The following books have been recommended by our Year 9 and 10 students. All the texts are available in the Learning Resource Centre on the Communications floor. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did!

- The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert
- War Cross by Marie Lu
- On a Scale of One to Ten by Ceylan Scott
- Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
- Moonrise by Sarah Crossnan
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- You Only Live Once by Jess Valence
- Stay a Little Longer by Bali Rai
- The Truth about Lies by Tracy Darnton
- Jigsaw of Fire and Stars by Yaba Badge
- My Side Diamond by Sally Gardner
- Shell by Paula Rawsthorne
- The Crash by Lisa Drakeford
- Out of Heart by Irfan Master
- Scythe by Neal Shusterman
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
- Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
- Things A Bright Girl Can Do – Sally Nichols
- A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge
- The Book Thief by Marcus Zusack
- Bone Talk by Candy Goulay
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Little Liar by Julia Gray
- 1984 by George Orwell
- I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
- Saint Death by Marcus Sedgwick
- The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
- Noble Conflict by Malorie Blackman
- The Bunker Diary by Kevin Brooks
- My Side of the Diary by Sally Gardner

Why is reading so important at Highfields?

At Highfields we are passionate about promoting reading!

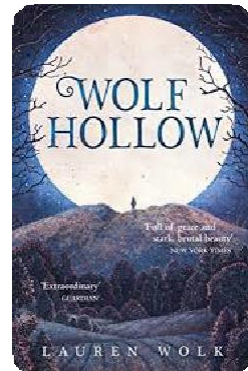
Research shows that reading for pleasure has a significant impact on academic achievement, supporting students to widen their range of vocabulary and develop their ability to write with precision and creativity.

However, it is 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 of 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.

