

Years 7 & 8 (and beyond) - suggestions for home reading from William Ellis School English department

This list is just to start you looking. Some books could have been placed in more than one category. Ask your teachers, a librarian, relatives or your friends to help you choose but read widely and try old and new authors.

(1) Getting Started (less experienced readers)

Betsy Byars <i>The Eighteenth Emergency</i>	Jeff Kinney <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>
Roald Dahl <i>Matilda</i>	Francesca Simon <i>Horrid Henry</i> series
Morris Gleitzman <i>Extra Time</i>	Dodie Smith <i>101 Dalmatians</i>
Pete Johnson <i>How to Train Your Parents</i> and <i>Ghost Dog</i>	John Talbot <i>Our Toilet's Haunted</i>
Clive King <i>Stig of the Dump</i>	Oscar Wilde <i>The Happy Prince</i> collection

(2) Books on a Common Theme: Childhood and Growing Up

David Almond <i>Kit's Wilderness</i>	Timothée de Fombelle <i>Toby Alone</i>
J. M. Barrie <i>Peter Pan</i>	Graham Gardner <i>Inventing Elliott</i>
Lesley Beake <i>A Cageful of Butterflies</i>	Faiza Guene <i>Just Like Tomorrow</i>
Gennifer Choldenko <i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	Angela Jariwala <i>Pardesi</i>
Frank Cottrell Boyce <i>Framed</i> and <i>Millions</i>	Guus Kuijer <i>The Book of Everything</i>
Sharon Creech <i>Love That Dog</i>	Karen McCombie <i>My Funny Valentine</i>
Richmal Crompton <i>The Just William</i> books	Philippa Pearce <i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i>
Berlie Doherty <i>Street Child</i>	Kate Saunders <i>Five Children on the Western Front</i>
Siobhan Dowd <i>A Swift Pure Cry</i> and <i>The London Eye Mystery</i>	Julian Sedgewick & Chie Kutsuwada <i>Tsunami Girl</i>
	Maggie Stiefvater <i>Shiver</i>
	Benjamin Zephaniah <i>Face</i>

(3) Books on a Common Theme: The World at War and a Changing World

Bernard Ashley <i>Little Soldier</i>	Anne Frank <i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>
Nina Bawden <i>Carrie's War</i>	Jamila Gavin <i>The Wheel of Surya</i> (trilogy)
John Boyne <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i>	Alan Gibbons <i>An Act of Love</i>
Michael Foreman <i>War Boy</i>	Morris Gleitzman <i>Once</i> (and the whole series)

Michelle Magorian *Goodnight Mr Tom*
Elizabeth Laird *A Little Piece of Ground*
Harper Lee *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Michael Morpurgo *Wreck of the Zanzibar*
and *War Horse*
Jan Needle *Piggy in the Middle*

Gudrun Pausewang *The Final Journey*
Hans Peter Richter *Friedrich*
Ian Serrailier *The Silver Sword*
Benjamin Zephaniah *Refugee Boy*
Marcus Zusak *The Book Thief*

(4) Books on a Common Theme: Adventure

Joan Aiken *Black Hearts in Battersea*
Tim Bowler *River Boy*
Cristy Burne *Takeshita Demons*
Eoin Colfer *The Artemis Fowl Series/Warp Series*
Tony DiTerlizzi *The Spiderwick Chronicles*
Leon Garfield *Smith*
Kenneth Grahame *The Wind in the Willows*
M G Harris *The Joshua Files: Invisible City*
Eva Ibbotson *Journey to the River Sea*
Derek Landy *Skullduggery Pleasant*
Jack London *The Call of the Wild*

Geraldine McCaughrean *The Death-Defying*
Pepper Roux
Michael Morpurgo *Kensuke's Kingdom*
E. Nesbit *The Amulet (or The Phoenix and the Carpet)*
Mal Peet *Exposure and Keeper*
Philip Pullman *The Book of Dust*
Louis Sachar *Holes*
J. R.R. Tolkein *The Hobbit*
Mark Walden *H.I.V.E*

(5) Books on a Common Theme: Survival

Rachel Anderson *Asylum*
Suzanne Collins *The Hunger Games*
Russell Evans *Survival*
Gary Paulsen *Hatchet*

Meg Rosoff *How I Live Now*
Veronica Roth *Divergent Series*
James Vance Marshall *Walkabout*

(6) Books on a Common Theme: Myths and Legends

Zizou Corder *Halo*
Kevin Crossley-Holland *The Seeing Stone*
Leon Garfield & Edward Blishen *The God*
Beneath the Sea
Adele Geras *Troy*

Alan Gibbons *Shadow of the Minotaur*
Madhur Jaffrey *Seasons of Splendour*
Rick Riordan- *Percy Jackson and the Lightning*
Thief/ Heroes of Olympus Series

(7) Books on a Common Theme: Fantasy

Joan Aiken *The Whispering Mountain*

David Almond *Skellig*

Susan Cooper *Over Sea, Under Stone*

Gillian Cross *After Tomorrow*

Cornelia Funke *Inkheart*

C.S. Lewis *The Chronicles of Narnia*

Geraldine McCaughrean *Peter Pan in Scarlet*

China Miéville *Un Lun Dun*

Patrick Ness *The Knife of Never Letting Go*

Christopher Paolini *Eragon*

Philip Pullman *Northern Lights*

Philip Reeve *Fever Crumb*

J.R.R. Tolkien *Lord of the Rings*

(8) Books on a Common Theme: Graphic Novels

Arthur Conan Doyle *The Hound of the Baskervilles: graphic novel*

Dean and Shannon Hale *Calamity Jack*

John Harris Dunning *Salem Brownstone: All Along the Watchtowers*

Charles Higson *Silverfin: graphic novel*

Tony Lee *Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood*

Shaun Tan *Tales From Outer Suburbia*

(9) Books on a Common Theme: Thrillers, Chillers and Crime

Malorie Blackman *The Stuff of Nightmares*

Melvin Burgess *The Ghost Behind the Wall*

Kate Cann *Leaving Poppy*

Anne Fine *The Tulip Touch*

Neil Gaiman *Coraline*

F. E Higgins *The Black Book of Secrets*

Charlie Higson *The Enemy*

Anthony Horowitz *Stormbreaker*

Robert Muchamore *Henderson Boys Series*

Philip Pullman *The Ruby and the Smoke*

Celia Rees *Truth or Dare*

Darren Shan *Cirque Du Freak*

Marcus Sedgwick *My Swordhand is Singing*

Robert Swindells *Abomination*

(10) Books on a Common Theme: The Future

Julie Bertagna *Exodus and Zenith*

Ursula Le Guin *The Lathe of Heaven*

Jan Mark *The Ennead*

S.F.Said *Tyger*

Rebecca Stead *When You Reach Me*

Alex Scarrow *Time Riders*

(11) Books on a Common Theme: Poetry

Malorie Blackman *Cloud Busting*

ed. Chatterjee & Frazer *Rainbow World: Poems
from Many Cultures*

ed. Wendy Cope *Is That the New Moon?*

Sharon Creech *Heartbeat*

ed. Seamus Heaney & Ted Hughes *The Rattlebag*

Jan Mark A *Jetblack Sunrise: Poems about War...*

ed. Grace Nichols *Poetry Jump Up*

ed. Peters & Fusek *Poems With Attitude*

ed. Kaye Webb *I Like this Poem*

Benjamin Zephaniah *Too Black, Too Strong*

Talking Turkey

Funky Chickens

Wicked World

The website LoveReading4Kids, www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk, has other ideas for recently published book choices. Don't forget, you can also go to your local library and borrow a book for free from there. Below is a list of libraries in Camden.

Belsize Community Library

Camden Town Library

Chalk Farm Library

Highgate Library

Holborn Library

Keats Community Library

Kentish Town Library

Kilburn Library Centre

Queen's Crescent Library

St Pancras Library (now known as Pancras Square Library)

Swiss Cottage Central Library

West Hampstead Library