



HORNCHURCH
HIGH SCHOOL
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29th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope that you and your families are all safe and well.

At Hornchurch High School we would like to reassure you that we will do everything we possibly can to make sure that your child will be prepared for their start to secondary school. We will be sending summer projects for your children to work on, letters from our current students are on their way to make your child feel welcome and the information that would normally be given in person will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Whilst schools are closed, Amazon and other book providers are giving free access to EBOOKS. Please find below our recommended reading list for year 7.

We have a competition running that will run from today and will end on the 31st August. Pupils are encouraged to read, or listen to as many as possible and tick them off as they go. They must then write a book report on their favourite one to bring in to their form tutor on the first day back.

Winners will receive a prize in an assembly, and have their report put into our newsletter and displayed on our media channels.

Take care, and good luck!

Yours faithfully,

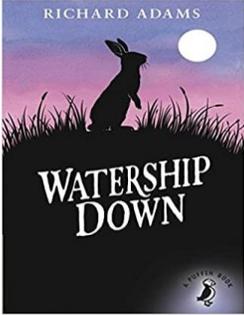
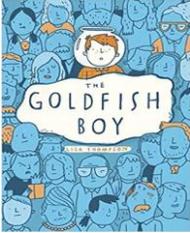
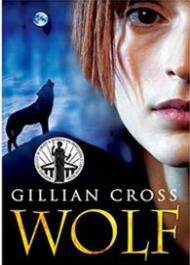
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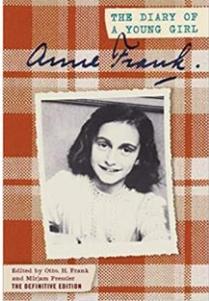
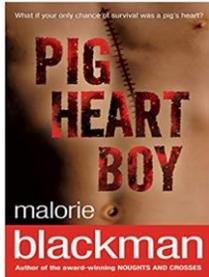
This is our suggested list but feel free to choose any from the link.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/>

<p>Soon to be a major TV mini-series!</p> <p>An epic story that has been beloved for generations, <i>Watership Down</i> has become one of the most famous animal stories ever written. Fiver, a young rabbit, is very worried. He senses something terrible is about to happen to the warren. His brother Hazel knows that his sixth sense is never wrong. So, there is nothing else for it. They must leave immediately. And so begins a long and perilous journey of a small band of rabbits in search of a safe home. Fiver's vision finally leads them to Watership Down, but here they face their most difficult challenge of all.</p>	
<p>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters. Page-turning, heartbreaking, but ultimately life-affirming.</p>	
<p>It's Christmas-time in the Stanton family house: presents, carol singing, good cheer. But for eleven-year-old Will Stanton, something sinister has begun, inching round his subconscious, shouting silent warnings he can't decipher. Then on Midwinter Day, Will wakes up to a different world: silent, covered in snow and ancient forest, a world of another time. A world where evil lurks.</p> <p>Because Will is not the ordinary boy he always thought he was. He is the last of the Old Ones and the power to vanquish the evil magic of the Dark lies within him.</p>	
<p>Cassy lives with her granny, until the night that she hears strange footsteps coming into their flat. The next morning, she is packed off to her mum's - a squat in London that her beautiful, simple mother shares with a couple of actors. Cassy does her best to throw herself into her mother's life, even agreeing to take part in their travelling show called 'Wolf'. But she can't ever get rid of the feeling that something is following her, and something bad is going to happen.</p> <p>Her fear grows as time passes, until Cassy knows she must face up to her past: who her father is, why he left and where he has gone.</p> <p>What she doesn't know is that some questions are better left unanswered.</p>	





<p>A deeply moving and unforgettable portrait of an ordinary and yet an extraordinary teenage girl.</p> <p>First published over sixty years ago, Anne Frank's <i>Diary of a Young Girl</i> has reached millions of young people throughout the world. In July 1942, thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes in her diary the frustrations of living in such close quarters, and her thoughts, feelings and longings as she grows up. Her diary ends abruptly when, in August 1944, they were all betrayed.</p>	
<p><i>Stone Cold</i> is a Carnegie Medal-winning thriller by Robert Swindells. It is one of The Originals from Penguin - iconic, outspoken, first.</p> <p>A tense thriller plot is combined with a perceptive and harrowing portrait of life on the streets as a serial killer preys on the young and vulnerable homeless. Link, aged 17, is distrustful of people until he pairs up with Deb, another homeless youngster. But what Deb doesn't tell him is that she's an ambitious young journalist on a self-imposed assignment to track down the killer and she's prepared to use herself as bait.</p>	
<p>You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants.</p> <p>So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before.</p> <p>Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, this is a powerful, thought-provoking story from the award-winning Malorie Blackman.</p>	
<p>Inspired by the true story of an African childhood lived on the edge of destitution, award-winning Elizabeth Laird's <i>The Garbage King</i> takes readers on an unforgettable emotional journey.</p> <p>When Mamo's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Dani is rich, educated - and fleeing his tyrannical father. Together they join a gang of homeless street boys who survive only by mutual bonds of trust and total dependence on each other.</p>	