

# KS3 Super-Curricular English



#### Reading

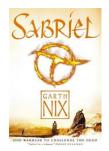


In Key Stage 3 we aim to encourage students to enjoy reading a wide range of texts and genres, in preparation for later years.

We do, of course, encourage students to be discerning readers; however, parents should be aware of what their son is reading.

This list of text is not exhaustive and is only a selection of the range of possible texts available.

Please do contact your son's teacher or Ms Garvey, our wonderful Librarian, if you want any more advice.



#### **Fantasy**

Jonathan Stroud: Screaming Staircase

Neil Shusterman: The Scythe

Rick Riordan: The Red Pyramid (Kane Chronicles)

Scarlett Thomas: Dragon's Green

Garth Nix: 'Sabriel'

Frances Hardinge: 'The Lie Tree'

Terry Prachett: 'Equal Rites' (A retelling of Macbeth)

B.B. Alston: Amari and The Night Brothers

• Gabby Hutchinson- Crouch: The Dark Wood' Series

Diana Wynne Jones: 'Charmed Life'

Akwaeke Emezi: Pet

• Tomi Adeyemi: Children of Blood and Bone

Michelle Harrison: 13 Treasures

Holly Black: Magisterium

Namina Forna: The Gilded Ones

Philip Reeves: Mortal Engines

• Joseph Delaney: Spook's Apprentice

Derek Landy: Skulduggery Pleasant

• Tolkein: The Hobbit/ Lord of the Rings

• Philip Pullman: Northern Lights

Neil Gaiman: Coraline/ The Graveyard Boy

• Salman Rushdie: The Sea of Stories

LL McKinney: A Blade so Black

Sophie Anderson: The House with Chicken Legs

• Liz Hyder: Bearmouth

Catherine Doyle: The Storm Keeper's Island

Ransom Riggs: Miss Peregine's Home for Peculiar Children

Ursula Le Guin: The Wizard of Earthsea

Eoin Colfer: Artemis Fowl

#### Dystopian/Sci-Fi

Michael Grant: Gone

Malorie Blackman: Noughts and Crosses

Suzanne Collins: The Hunger Games

Sally Gardner: Maggot Moon

• Sarah Crossan: Breathe

Veronica Roth: Divergent

• James Dashner: Maze Runner

Ray Bradbury: Fahrenheit 451

Philip Reeves: Mortal Engines, Rail Head

Ernest Cline: Ready Player One

Pittacus Lore: I am Number Four

#### A Slice of Life



Sue Cheung: Chinglish

Kalynn Bayron: Cinderella is Dead' (A retelling of the fairy tale)

Holly Smale: Geek Girl

Lisa Williamson: The Art of Being Normal

R. J. Palacio: Wonder

Benjamin Zephaniah: Refugee BoyJewell Parker Rhodes: Ghost Boys

Jason Reynolds: Ghost, Look Both Ways

Elle McNicoll: A Kind of Spark

Sally Nicholls: Ways to Live Forever

Manjeet Mann: Run, Rebel

#### Comedy

Jeff Kiney: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

• Liz Pichon: Tom Gates

Jonathan Meres: May Contain Nuts (The World of Norm)

• Nathan Pyle: Strange Planet

Jamie Thomson: Dark Lord: The Teenage Years

• Ryan North: Romeo and/of Juliet



#### Crime

• Robin Stevens: Murder Most Unlady Like

Trenton Lee Stewart: The Mysterious Benedict Society

Arthur Conan Doyle: The Hound of the Baskervilles

(Sherlock Holmes)

• Philip Pullman: Ruby in the Smoke

• Lauren Child: Look Into My Eyes (Ruby Redfort)

• Carl Hiaasen: Hoot

Alan Bradley: The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

Sharna Jackson: High-rise Mystery

Richard Osman: Thursday Murder Club

#### **Adventure**

• Anthony Horowitz: Storm Breaker (Alex Rider), Raven's Gate, Magpie Murders

• Robert Muchamore: The Recruit (Cherub Series)

• Katherine Rundell: The Explorer, Good Thieves, Rooftoppers

Chris Bradford: The Young Samurai, The Bodyguard

Charlie Higson: Silver Fin (Young James Bond)

• Thomas Taylor: Malamander

Ross Welford: Time Travelling with a Hamster

• Nick Lake: Nowhere on Earth

#### Historical

- The Dark Lady Akala\* (some language)
- Catherine Johnson: Blade and Bone
- Louisa May Alcott: Little Women
- Sally Nicholls: Things a Bright Girl Can Do, All Fall Down
- Geraldine McCaughrean: Where the World Ends
- Susan Cooper: Ghost Hawk
- Frances Hardinge: A Skinful of Shadows
- Kiran Millwood Hargrave: The Island at the End of Everything
- Candy Gourlay: Bone Talk
- Tanya Landman: Buffalo Soldier, Apache, Hell and High Water
- Sarah Naughton: The Hanged Man Rises

#### Listening and viewing



#### **Useful Film/ Television Adaptations**

- A Midsummer Night's Dream (1999 adaptation)
- Scrooged (1988 Adaptation of Christmas Carol)
- Maze Runner (2014)
- Hunger Games (2012)
- Divergent (2014)
- Mortal Engines (2018)



#### **Audio Books**



- eplatform by Wheelers Books (available through school)
- https://www.audible.co.uk/

#### Magazines

#### **Comics**

• Shaun Tan: Arrival

• Raina Telgemeier: Smile, Sisters, Guts, Drama.

• Gene Luen Yang: American Born Chinese

• Shannon Watters: Lumberjanes

Kazu Kibuishi: AmuletJoe Henderson: Skyward

#### Manga

- Sherlock Bones
- Witch Hat Atelier
- Magi
- Haikyuu!!

#### Resources

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zfmfydm (Key Stage 3 BBC Bitesize)

### **Following**

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https://twitter.com/WhoWouldWinShow

# **KECHB Library**

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## Things to do:

#### **Local Theatres**

https://www.rsc.org.uk/ (RSC - Stratford)

https://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/ (Birmingham Hippodrome)

https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/ (Birmingham Rep)

# **Literary Places to visit**

https://www.roalddahl.com/museum (Roald Dahl's house)

Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square

# **Acting Opportunities**

https://www.crescent-theatre.co.uk/crescent-membership/youth-theatre/ (Crescent Theatre)

https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/take-part/ (Young Rep)