

# Debenham High School



**SUMMER READING LIST 2018**

Life today has a wide range of distractions for our young people. There are far more activities which can occupy their time than 20 years ago, some of which are productive and beneficial to them; but as we are seeing from findings on the negative impact of social media, not all of these will have a positive impact on their development. What is becoming clearer than ever is the importance of reading for pleasure.

A study by University College London states that:

*Teenagers who read in their spare time know 26% more words than those who never read, according to UCL Institute of Education (IOE) researchers at the Centre for Longitudinal Studies (CLS).*

In another recent European study they are even going so far as to say that reading is better for you if it's an old-fashioned, paper book:

*Numerous studies show that when you read a text on paper your understanding is deeper and longer lasting than if you read that same text on a computer.*

Reading is valuable for vocabulary growth, but much more besides. As I have quoted before, The National Educational Association (<http://whytoread.com/why-to-read-10-reasons-why-reading-books-will-save-your-life/>) state ten reasons why we should **all** read more:

1. Reading develops our verbal communication skills
2. Reading improves our focus and concentration
3. Readers enjoy the arts and help others more
4. Reading improves your imagination
5. Reading really does make you smarter
6. Reading gives you things to talk about to others
7. Reading reduces stress
8. Reading improves memory
9. Reading helps us to understand ourselves
10. Reading is FUN

So it is with pleasure that we send home to you our Summer Reading List. This year Mrs Foord-Johnson, our knowledge on all that is fiction and non-fiction, has picked up on the growth and popularity of books that form part of a series. There is something in here for everyone. We have given each book a star rating from 1 to 3. This indicates the level of challenge of the read, in literacy terms, with \*\*\* being the most challenging text.



Miss J Upton, Headteacher

## Dystopian fiction

*Dystopian Literature is a relatively new and upcoming genre, which has become increasingly popular among young adults. From vampires to fallen angels, The Hunger Games was arguably one of the first successful interpretations of this dark world, but there are now many more. There are differing opinions as to why this genre has become so successful but one simple theory is that teenagers like to read dystopian fiction because it's exciting. Whatever the reason, these books will take you to a different place.*

### The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins \*\*

*The Hunger Games is written in the voice of 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives in the future, post-apocalyptic nation of Panem in North America. The Capitol, a highly advanced metropolis, exercises political control over the rest of the nation. The Hunger Games is an annual event in which one boy and one girl aged 12–18 from each of the twelve districts surrounding the Capitol are selected by lottery to compete in a televised battle to the death.*

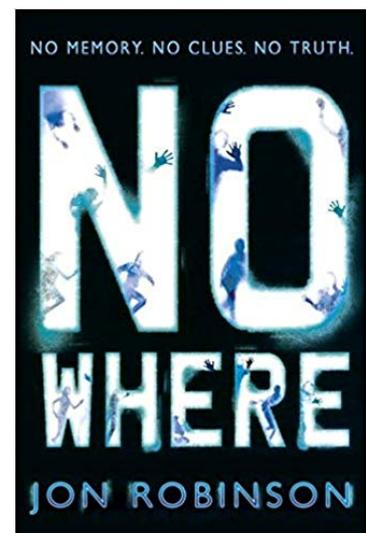
### Divergent series by Veronica Roth \*\*

*The society of the trilogy defines its citizens by their social and personality-related affiliation with five different factions, which removes the threat of anyone exercising independent will and threatening the population's safety. Beatrice Prior, who later changes her name to Tris, an Abnegation-born and Dauntless transfer, must figure out her life as a Divergent, while concealing her true nature, and living with the danger of being killed if it is discovered by the Erudite and Dauntless leaders*

### Nowhere series by Jon Robinson \*

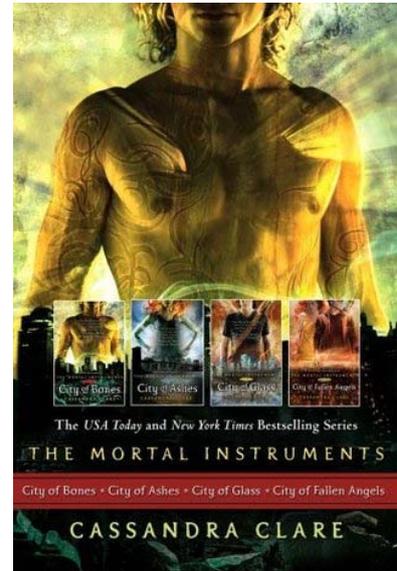
*'No one's coming for us. Not our families, not the police. No one.'*

*Alyn, Jes, Ryan and Elsa are Nowhere. A concrete cube in the middle of a dense forest. Imprisoned inside are one hundred teenagers from all over the country. They're all criminals. But none of them remember committing any crimes. Who has put them there? And how will they ever break free . . . ?*



## The Mortal Instruments by Cassandra Clare\*\*

*The Shadowhunters—touched by angels and charged with protecting innocents—battle demons and other evil in the bestselling Mortal Instruments series.*



## Maze Runner by James Dashner\*\*

*If you ain't scared, you ain't human.*

*When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.*

*Nice to meet ya, shank. Welcome to the Glade.*

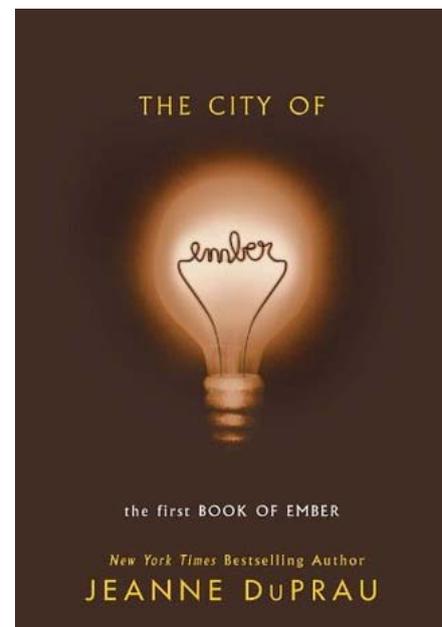
*Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Everything is going to change.*

*Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying. Remember. Survive. Run.*

## City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau \*\_\*\*

*Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked...but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all—the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness...*

*But when two children, Lina and Doon, discover fragments of an ancient parchment, they begin to wonder if there could be a way out of Ember. Can they decipher the words from long ago and find a new future for everyone? Will the people of Ember listen to them?*



## Gone series by Michael Grant\*\*

*In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears. Gone. Except for the young.*

*There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. No way to get help. And no way to figure out what's happened.*

*Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks. Animals are mutating. And the teens themselves are changing, developing new talents—unimaginable, dangerous, deadly powers—that grow stronger by the day. It's a terrifying new world. Sides are being chosen, a fight is shaping up. Townies against rich kids. Bullies against the weak. Powerful against powerless. And time is running out: On your 15th birthday, you disappear just like everyone else...*

## Legend by Marie Lu\*\*

*What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war with its neighbours. Born into an elite family in one of the Republic's wealthiest districts, fifteen-year-old June is a prodigy being groomed for success in the Republic's highest military circles. Born into the slums, fifteen-year-old Day is the country's most wanted criminal. But his motives may not be as malicious as they seem.*

*From very different worlds, June and Day have no reason to cross paths—until the day June's brother, Metias, is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect. Caught in the ultimate game of cat and mouse, Day is in a race for his family's survival, while June seeks to avenge Metias's death. But in a shocking turn of events, the two uncover the truth of what has really brought them together, and the sinister lengths their country will go to keep its secrets.*

## Tomorrow Series by John Marsden \* - \*\*

*When Ellie and her friends return from a camping trip in the Australian bush, they find things hideously wrong — their families are gone. Gradually they begin to comprehend that their country has been invaded and everyone in their town has been taken prisoner. As the reality of the situation hits them, they must make a decision — run and hide, give themselves up and be with their families, or fight back.*

## Fantasy/Adventure

*There are so many series in this category, it is hard to know where to start (or stop).*

### The Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard\*\*\_\*\*\*

*This is a world divided by blood - red or silver. The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite in possession of god-like superpowers. And to Mare Barrow, a seventeen-year-old Red girl from the poverty-stricken Stilts, it seems like nothing will ever change. That is until she finds herself working in the Silver Palace. Here, surrounded by the people she hates the most, Mare discovers that, despite her red blood, she possesses a deadly power of her own. One that threatens to destroy the balance of power. Fearful of Mare's potential, the Silvers hide her in plain view, declaring her a long-lost Silver princess, now engaged to a Silver prince. Despite knowing that one misstep would mean her death, Mare works silently to help the Red Guard, a militant resistance group, and bring down the Silver regime. But this is a world of betrayal and lies, and Mare has entered a dangerous dance - Reds against Silvers, prince against prince, and Mare against her own heart.*



### Miss Peregrines Home for Peculiar Children by Ransome Riggs\*\*

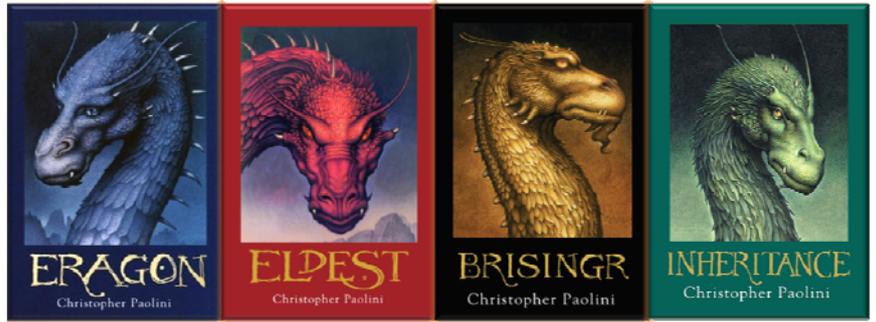
*A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows*

### A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket\*

*It tells an unhappy tale about three very unlucky children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives filled with misery and woe. From the very first page of this book when the children are at the beach and receive terrible news, continuing on through the entire story, disaster lurks at their heels. One might say they are magnets for misfortune.*

## Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini\*\*\*

*Eragon and the fledgling dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds. Can Eragon take up the mantle of the legendary Dragon Riders?*



*When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered, and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic, and power. The fate of the Empire may rest in his hands. . . .*

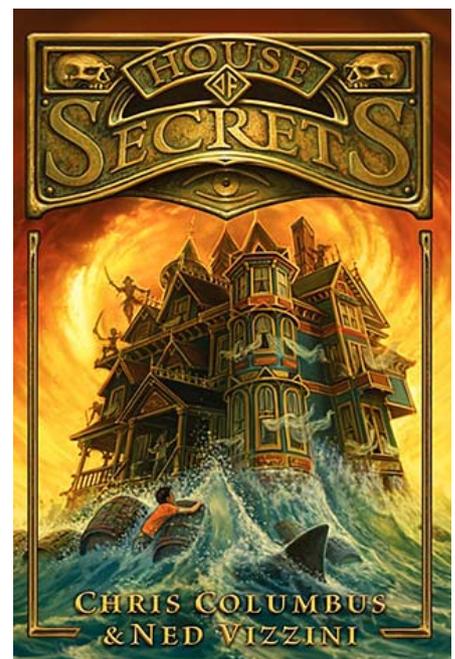
## Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer\*\*

*Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, Artemis Fowl is a riveting, magical adventure.*

## House of Secrets by Chris Columbus\* - \*\*

*From legendary Hollywood director Chris Columbus (Harry Potter) and bestselling author Ned Vizzini (It's Kind of a Funny Story) comes this first book in an epic new fantasy series.*

*Brendan, Eleanor, and Cordelia Walker once had everything: two loving parents, a beautiful house in San Francisco, and all the portable electronic devices they could want. But everything changed when Dr. Walker lost his job in the wake of a mysterious incident. Now in dire straits, the family must relocate to an old Victorian house—a house that feels simultaneously creepy and too good to be true.*



## And so many more....

Gods of Warriors by Michelle Paver \*\_\*\*

Wardstone Chronicles by Joseph Delaney\*\*

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black\*

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke\*\*

Fallen by Lauren Kate\*\*

Daughter of Smoke and Bone series by Laini Taylor\*\*

Percy Jackson series and the Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan \*\_\*\*

The Wolves of Mercy Falls by Maggie Stiefvater\*\*

Twilight Saga by Stephanie Meyer\*\*

Chaos Walking by Patrick Ness\*\*\*

The Phoenix Files by Chris Morpew \*\_\*\*

Wings series by Aprilynne Pike\*\*

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve\*\*\_\*\*\*

Chronicles of Pryden by Lloyd Alexander\*\*

Redwall by Brian Jacques\*\*

## Crime and Espionage

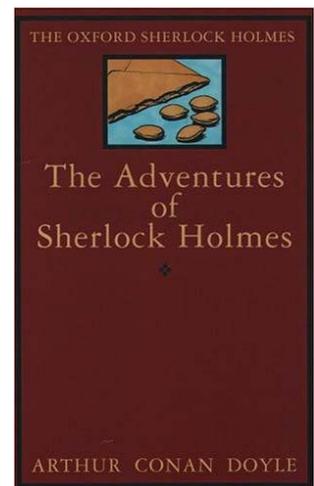
Young Bond series by Charlie Higson \*\*

*James Bond will one day become the world's most famous spy, but at the moment his challenge is to fit in at his new school - making friends, learning the rules and facing up to bullies. Unknown to James though, there is an even tougher challenge awaiting him- something mysterious and deadly lurking in the water. Something called SilverFin.*

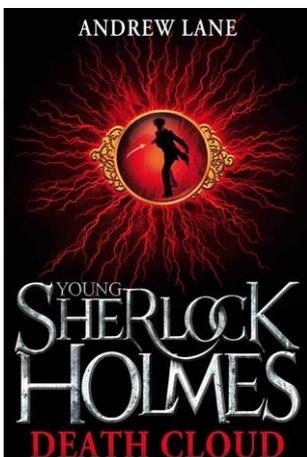


Original Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle\*\*\*

*'It is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.'* Sherlock Holmes



Young Sherlock Holmes by Andrew Lane\*\*



*1868 England. Sherlock Holmes, age 14, unexpectedly summers with Farnham relations and befriends orphan Matt. Why does a dark cloud float from a corpse covered in red boils? Sherlock fights, runs, gets caught, drugged, whipped, ordered killed; defending bystander is fatally knifed. Americans logical tutor Amycus Crowe and daughter Virginia in well-fitting breeches help.*

**Or how about..**

Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz\*\*

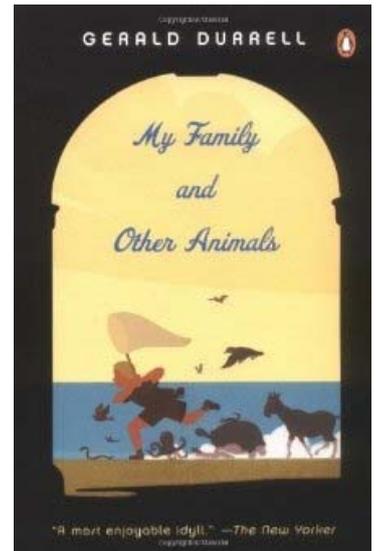
Alpha Force by Chris Ryan\*\_\*\_\*

Cherub by Robert Muchamore\*\*

## Classics

### My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell\*\*

*When the unconventional Durrell family can no longer endure the damp, gray English climate, they do what any sensible family would do: sell their house and relocate to the sunny Greek isle of Corfu. My Family and Other Animals was intended to embrace the natural history of the island but ended up as a delightful account of Durrell's family's experiences, from the many eccentric hangers-on to the ceaseless procession of puppies, toads, scorpions, geckoes, ladybugs, glowworms, octopuses, bats, and butterflies into their home.*



### The Famous Five and The Secret Seven by Enid Blyton\*

### Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome\*\*

### Lord of the Rings by J R R Tolkein\*\*\*

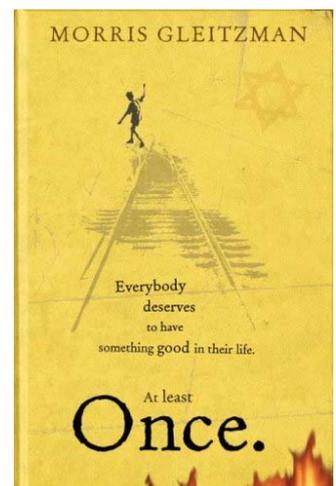
### The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis \*\_\*\*

## Historical Fiction

### Once Series by Morris Gleitzman\*

*Once by Morris Gleitzman is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.*

*Everybody deserves to have something good in their life. At least Once.*



### Or how about..

### Arthur Trilogy by Kevin Crossley-Holland\*\*

### Moving Times Trilogy by Rachel Anderson\*

## Comedy

Tom Gates by L Pichon\*

*All Tom Gates wants to do is get tickets to see his favourite band when they come to town. It's not easy when he's up against Delia, his weirdo big sister. All of his plans seem to get him into major trouble!*



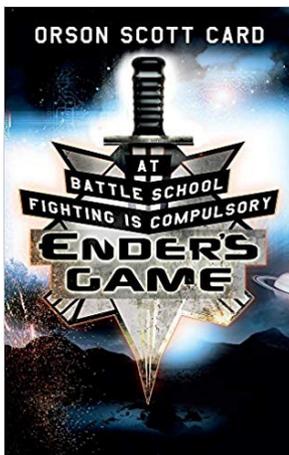
**Or how about..**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney\*

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell\*

The Princes Diaries by Meg Cabot\*\*

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## Sci-Fi

Enders Games by Orson Scott Card\*\*\*

*Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. The result of genetic experimentation, Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life. The only way to find out is to throw Ender into ever harsher training, to chip away and find the diamond inside, or destroy him utterly. Ender Wiggin is six years old when it begins. He will grow up fast.*

The Uglies Trilogy by Scott Westerfield\*\*

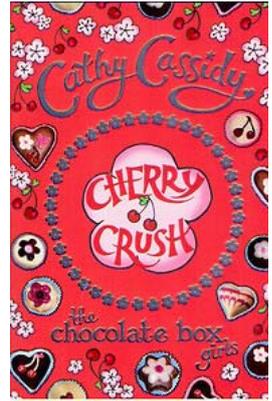
Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams\*\*

## Contemporary

### The Chocolate Box Girls\*

*Cherry Costello's life is about to change forever.*

*She and Dad are moving to Somerset where a new mum and a bunch of brand-new sisters await. And on Cherry's first day there she meets Shay Fletcher - the kind of boy who should carry a government health warning. But Shay already has a girlfriend, Cherry's new stepsister, Honey. Cherry knows her friendship with Shay is dangerous - it could destroy everything. But that doesn't mean she's going to stay away from him...*



### Or how about..

Creekwood Series by Becky Albertalli\*\*

The Summer I turned Pretty by Jenny Han\*

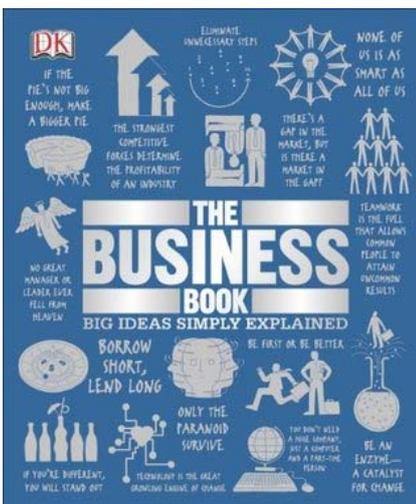
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## Sports Fiction

Jamie Johnson series by Dan Freedman\*

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### Non Fiction Books\*\*\_\*\*\*



The DK series (various authors) which include books such as The Business Book, The Movie Book, The Crime Book, How Money Works, How Business Works

### Or how about..

Horrible Histories/Geography/Science (various authors)\*\_\*\*

Look at Your Body series by Steve Parker

How Machines Work series by Steve Parker\*\_\*\*

Cookbooks for teenagers by Sam Stern\*\_\*\*