



From the Librarian: Dr Graham Gardner

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Dear Parents,

### **Recommended Reading for 3rd Years**

To encourage and support reading for pleasure across the 3rd Year at Abingdon, I have compiled a list of twenty-one recommended books, which I've attached for your reference.

Many teenagers stop reading because they struggle to find books that appeal to them; the list should help in that respect. While I doubt that every book on the list will appeal to every student, I will be very surprised if a student can't find something that looks worth a second glance.

The recommendations are based on what other students at Abingdon have enjoyed. Books must appeal to the heart as well as the brain if your son is to make reading a habit. Each novel combines a gripping story with ideas and vocabulary that should stretch and challenge your son's intellect. At the same time, some books are more difficult than others, to reflect the varying abilities of readers.

All of the titles are available from the school Library as well as from public libraries and bookshops. I'll be introducing students to them over the course of the year in your son's termly library sessions. If your son wants further recommendations, I'm very happy to give advice, drawing on my own reading and what other students have recommended to me.

Yours sincerely

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## Recommended reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> Years

Title	Author	Genre
<i>The Day of the Triffids</i>	John Wyndham	Science Fiction
<i>The Firm</i>	John Grisham	Thriller
<i>Flip</i>	Martin Bedford	Science Fiction / Young Adult
<i>Looking for Alaska</i>	John Green	Young Adult
<i>Scythe</i>	Neal Shusterman	Science Fiction
<i>Night of the Party</i>	Tracey Mathias	Young Adult
<i>Children of Blood and Bone</i>	Tomi Adeyemi	Fantasy
<i>Bloodtide</i>	Melvin Burgess	Science Fiction / Young Adult
<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Douglas Adams	Humour
<i>The New Recruit</i>	Andy McNab	Action / Young Adult
<i>One of us is Lying</i>	Karen McManus	Crime / Young Adult
<i>Running Girl</i>	Simon Mason	Crime / Young Adult
<i>The Gifted, the Talented and Me</i>	William Sutcliffe	Humour / Young Adult
<i>13 Days of Midnight</i>	Leo Hunt	Horror / Young Adult
<i>Noughts and crosses (series)</i>	Malorie Blackman	Drama / Young Adult
<i>The Knife of Never Letting Go</i>	Patrick Ness	Science Fiction / Young Adult
<i>The Chrysalids</i>	John Wyndham	Horror / Science Fiction
<i>The Martian</i>	Andy Griffiths	Science Fiction
<i>This Mortal Coil</i>	Emily Suvada	Science Fiction
<i>Fatherland</i>	Robert Harris	Thriller
<i>A Skinful of Shadows</i>	Francis Hardinge	Historical / Horror