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Recommended Reading for Third Year Students

To encourage and support reading for pleasure amongst Third Year students, I've compiled a list of recommended books, which you'll find below.

Many teenagers stop reading as they progress through secondary school because they struggle to find books that appeal to them. This list will help. While I know that not every book on the list will appeal to every student, I will be very surprised if your teenager can't find something they think is worth a second glance.

Many of the titles are the first in a trilogy or series, so if a book that finds favour is marked with a (T) or (S), it's well worth going for any sequels.

The recommendations are based on what other students at Abingdon have enjoyed plus new publications that I think are likely to have widespread appeal. These are books which look to the heart as well as the brain, which is essential if your teenager is to continue (or start) making reading a frequent habit.

While the books on the list vary in terms of genre and style, every one of the books offers a gripping story plus ideas and vocabulary that should stretch and challenge your teenager's thinking. At the same time, some books are more difficult than others, to reflect the varying abilities of readers.

All of these books are available from the school library, which stocks between five and fifteen copies of each title. They're also readily available from public libraries and bookshops.

I'll be introducing students to them over the course of the year in their termly library sessions.

If your teenager wants further recommendations, I'm very happy to give tailored advice, drawing on what I've read, what other students have recommended to me, and the particular interests of your teenager.

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Title	Author	Genre
<i>The day of the Triffids</i>	John Wyndham	Science fiction
<i>HMS Ulysses</i>	Alistair MacLean	War
<i>Flip</i>	Martin Bedford	Science fiction / young adult
<i>Looking for Alaska</i>	John Green	Young adult
<i>Scythe (T)</i>	Neal Shusterman	Science fiction
<i>The hate u give</i>	Angie Thomas	Social realism / family
<i>Shadow and bone (T)</i>	Leigh Bardugo	Fantasy
<i>Futuretrack 5</i>	Robert Westall	Science Fiction / Thriller
<i>The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy (T)</i>	Douglas Adams	Humour
<i>The new recruit (S)</i>	Andy McNab	Action / young adult
<i>One of us is lying (T)</i>	Karen McManus	Crime / mystery
<i>Running Girl (T)</i>	Simon Mason	Crime / mystery
<i>The gifted, the talented and me</i>	William Sutcliffe	Humour
<i>Ender's game</i>	Orson Scott Card	Science fiction
<i>Noughts and crosses (S)</i>	Malorie Blackman	Social realism
<i>The life of never letting go (T)</i>	Patrick Ness	Science Fiction / thriller
<i>The Martian</i>	Andy Griffiths	Science fiction
<i>The chocolate war</i>	Robert Cormier	Social realism / school
<i>Fatherland</i>	Robert Harris	Thriller
<i>A skinful of shadows</i>	Francis Hardinge	Historical / Horror