

Year 8 Reading List

At Goffs, we promote a school-wide love of literacy, with the aim of enriching the learning and creativity of our students. Reading is a vital skill in every walk of life, and enables students to be able to make the most out of their experience at school.

Below is the recommended reading for Year 8, offering a variety of choice for a reader of any ability to enjoy. Several titles are available free of charge online, via GoogleBooks or iBooks.

WORLDS OF MAGIC

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
by J. K. Rowling

Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas

Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer
by Rick Riordan

Magyk by Angie Sage

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Higher Ability:

Sabriell by Garth Nix

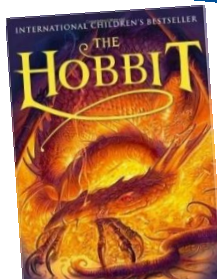
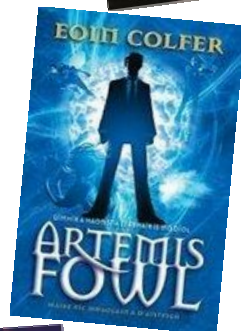
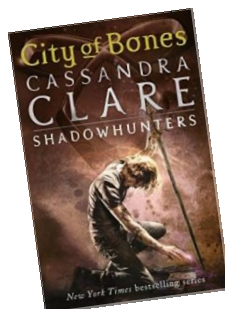
Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

The Sword in the Stone by T. H. White

The Hobbit by J. R. Tolkien

The Iliad by Homer

Beowulf



SCIENCE FICTION

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Divergent by Veronica Roth

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The Enemy by Charlie Higson

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness

Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner

Higher Ability:

Day of the Triffids by John Wyndam

The Time Machine by H. G. Wells

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
by Ransom Riggs

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

1984 by George Orwell

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

CHALLENGING VALUES

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Terror Kid by Benjamin Zephaniah

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman

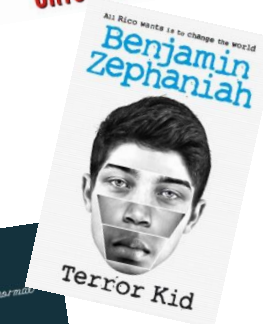
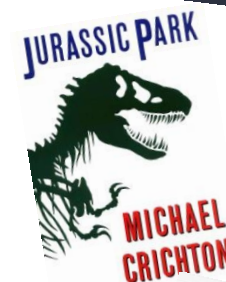
Trash by Andy Mulligan

Skellig by David Almond

Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy

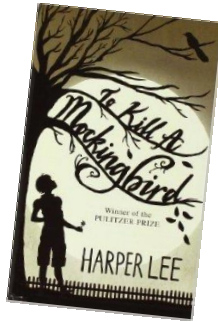
The Art of Being Normal by Sarah Crossan

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck



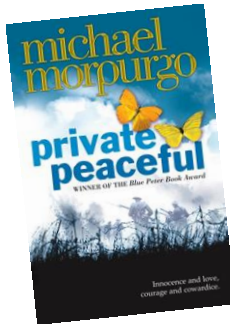
Higher Ability:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
The Lord of the Flies by William Golding



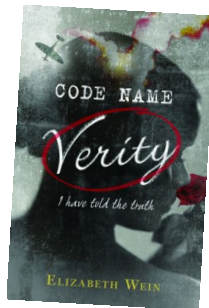
WAR TIME

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
The Book Thief by Frances Zusak
The Escape by Robert Muchamore
Ghost Soldier by Theresa Breslin
Blitz by Vince Cross
Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders



Higher Ability:

The Diary of Anne Frank
Code Name Verity by Elizabeth E. Wein
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque
Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam



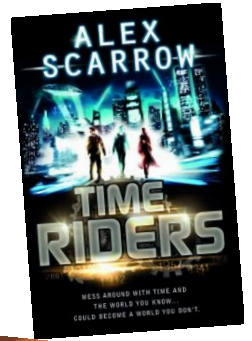
MYSTERY & CRIME

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by Mark Haddon
Young Sherlock Holmes: Death Cloud by Andrew Lane
Look Into My Eyes by Lauren Child
Poison Study by Maria Synder
The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman
Pretty Little Liars by Sara Shepard

Timeriders by Alex Scarrow
The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson

Higher Ability:

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
The Murder at the Vicarage by Agatha Christie

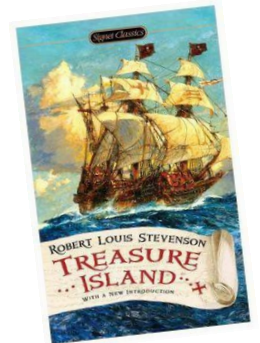


SPIES & ADVENTURERS

The Recruit by Robert Muchamore
Heist Society by Ally Carter
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

Higher Ability:

Silverfin (Young Bond) by Charlie Higson
The Thirty-Nine Steps by John Buchan
The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
Treasure Island by Robert Louise Stevenson
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway



EVERYDAY HEROES

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Love Song by Sophia Bennett
Wonder by R. J. Palacio
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole: Aged 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend

Higher Ability:

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

