

Year 9 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 9, 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.

GRITTY & REAL

Junk by Melvin Burgess
A Child Called It by David Pelzer
Girl, Interrupted by Suzanne Kaysen
Boys Don't Cry by Malorie Blackman
Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd
Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Higher Ability:

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
My Sister's Keeper by Judi Picoult
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Knife that Killed Me by Anthony McGowen
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
Jamaica Inn by Daphne Du Maurier

EVERY DAY STORIES THEN & NOW

The Perks of Being A Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ by Sue Townsend
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Alexie Sherman
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn
The Devil Wears Prada by Lauren Weisberger

Higher Ability:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austin
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

IN THE FUTURE

I Am Number 4 by Pittatus Lore

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness
Delirium by Lauren Oliver
Gone by Michael Grant
Exodus by Julia Bertagna

Higher Ability:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

WAR & ESPIONAGE

Auslander by Paul Dowswell
Guantanamo Boy by Anna Perera
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
Boy Soldier by Andy McNab
How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
Codename Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Higher Ability:

Empire of the Sun by J. G. Ballard
Casino Royale by Ian Fleming
Bourne Identity by Robert Ludlow
Along Came a Spider by James Patterson
Killing Floor by Lee Child
The Iron Tiger by Jack Higgins

WORLDS OF FANTASY & HORROR

Prince of Thorns by Mark Lawrence
Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas
Cirque Du Freak by Darren Shan
The Host by Stephanie Myer
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
Leaving Poppy by Kate Cann
Othergirl by Nicole Burstein
City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
Eragon by Christopher Paolini

Higher Ability:

A Game of Thrones by George R. R. Martin
The Hobbit by J. R. Tolkein
Dracula by Bram Stoker
The Woman in Black by Susan Hill
The Shining by Stephen King

BACK IN TIME

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell

Witch Child by Celia Rees

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

A Song for Summer by Eva Ibbotson

Higher Ability:

The Last Kingdom by Bernard Cornwell

Mistress of Rome by Kate Quinn

Boudicca: Dreaming the Eagle by Manda Scott

The Constant Princess by Phillipa Gregory

The Colour Purple by Alice Walker

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier

Atonement by Ian McEwan