# Year 7 Recommended Reading List

## Top Tips
- The more you read the better reader you become.
- If you enjoy an author read all the other books they have written.
- Look for books in your favourite genre but don’t be afraid to try something different.
- If you’ve enjoyed a book recommend it to your friends.
- Give books a chance – you usually have to read at least 30 pages to get into a book.

## ACTION & ADVENTURE

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<td>Chris Bradford</td>
<td><strong>Young Samurai Series</strong></td>
<td>A series of martial arts/action-adventure about an English boy marooned in Japan in 1611 and is taught the ways of the Samurai.</td>
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<td>Charlie Higson</td>
<td><strong>Silverfin (Young Bond Series)</strong></td>
<td>Superb novels about the school life of the teenage James Bond as he tries to escape the humdrum existence of Eton College.</td>
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<td>Chris Ryan</td>
<td><strong>Alpha Force Series</strong></td>
<td>Five kids are marooned on a desert island where they must face the ultimate test - survival! Can the five bond as a team - and stay alive?</td>
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<td>Mark Walden</td>
<td><strong>HIVE Series</strong></td>
<td>H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education) is a top-secret school of applied villainy where children with a precocious gift for wrongdoing are sent to develop their talents into criminal mastermind.</td>
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<td>Anthony Horowitz</td>
<td><strong>Alex Rider Series</strong></td>
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## GHOST & CREEPY TALES

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<td>Malorie Blackman</td>
<td><strong>Stuff of Nightmares</strong></td>
<td>Kyle has always been afraid of things, especially dying. But when he gets on the train that is taking him and his class on a school trip, he has no idea how close to death he is going to come. Frightening and scary novel.</td>
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<td>Neil Gaiman</td>
<td><strong>The Graveyard Book</strong></td>
<td>When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety in the local graveyard?</td>
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Chris Priestly  The Dead of Winter – Sam finds out that things really do go bump in the night when he arrives at the house of his sinister and odd new guardian...

Darren Shan  The Demonata Series – Brilliant 10 book horror series from the undisputed King of Fear.

**MONSTERS, DEMONS AND VAMPIRES**


Chris Priestley  Mr. Creecher – Reworking of the Frankenstein story, seen from the point of view of the creature who befriends a young boy.

Marcus Sedgwick  My Swordhand is Singing Series – Chilling vampire tale set in 17th century Europe, inspired by the original Transylvanian vampire folk tales. Soaked in atmosphere.

**THRILLERS**

Malorie Blackman  Noughts and Crosses – In an alternative world issues of racism are tackled in a society which has only two types of people: “noughts” and “crosses”. An extremely popular and addictive series.

Joseph Craig  Jimmy Coates Series – When 11 year old Jimmy realises he has super powers, which his parents have hidden from him. This leads him to an exciting mystery of intrigue and suspense.

Patrick Ness  A Monster Calls – A novel about love, loss and hope. Connor has nightmares that seem to be real when a monster appears at his bedroom window.

**SCIENCE FICTION AND THE UNEXPLAINED**

Anthony Horowitz  The Power of Five Series – This is a supernatural adventure of the most chilling kind. Matt has always known he has unusual powers. Raised in foster care, he is sent to Yorkshire on a rehabilitation programme, only to find himself in the midst of sinister goings-on.
Michael Grant  **Gone Series** – In these super-fast paced and exhilarating novels, all adults disappear into thin air and the children have to battle to survive on their own.

James Dashner  **Maze Runner Series** – Great futuristic thriller about a group of boys trapped in a stone maze that hides the horrors which lurk outside.

Sophie Mckenzie  **The Medusa Project Series** - Fourteen years ago, four babies were implanted with the Medusa gene - a gene for psychic abilities. Now teenagers, Nico, Ketty, Ed and Dylan have been brought together by government agents to create a secret crime-fighting force.

**LIVING IN A WAR ZONE**

John Boyne  **The Boy in the Stripped Pyjamas** – Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. An extraordinary tale of friendship and the horrors of war seen through the eyes of two young boys, it’s stirring stuff.

Anne Frank  **The Diary of Anne Frank** – Stunning story of bravery during the Second World War as Anne’s family hide in an annex of a friend’s house.

Maurice Gleitzman  **One Series** – Captivating and moving story of two child friends, growing up in Nazi occupied Poland and trying to escape the war.

Michael Morpurgo  **War Horse** – Thought provoking novel of the life of a horse during his numerous battles under different masters in World War I.

Michael Morpurgo  **Private Peaceful** – Brilliant World War I trench novel about conscientious objectors.

Frances Zusak  **The Book Thief** – Death takes an interest in a little orphaned girl in Nazi Germany. Mesmerizing and compassionate.

**MULTI-VOLUME FANTASY SEQUENCES**

Eoin Colfer  **Artemis Fowl Series** – Find out what happens when a 12 year old criminal mastermind kidnaps a fairy. This is a massive selling fantasy adventure series.

Derek Landy  **Skulduggery Pleasant Series** – Fantastic fantasy horror novels, wild, and full of imagination and excitement.

William Nicholson  **Wind of Fire Trilogy** – Breath-taking trilogy about a society governed
by exams. But what happens when you rebel?

Philip Pullman  **His Dark Materials Trilogy** – Staggering dark fantasy trilogy in which Lyra fights for survival in a godless world.

Rick Riordan  **Percy Jackson Series** – Entertaining fantasy series in which a teenage boy living in modern day America finds out he is the son of an ancient God.

Rick Riordan  **The Lost Hero (Heroes of Olympus Trilogy)** – Great series which begins in a summer camp for children of Greek Gods who are sent on quests.

CS Lewis  **Narnia Series** – Perhaps the ultimate battle between Good and Evil? Classic tale of children trying to awaken an animal world from eternal winter.

**CLASSICS**

Charles Dickens  **A Christmas Carol** – Ebenezer Scrooge is a miserly old skinflint. He hates everyone, especially children. But at Christmas three ghosts come to visit him, scare him into mending his ways, and he finds, as he celebrates with Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and their family, that geniality brings its own reward.

Charles Dickens  **Oliver Twist** – Classic story of the orphan boy, life in crime and his quest to escape it all. A challenging read, but well worth the effort.

Conan Doyle  **Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** – This is the great introduction to classic detective stories. Many of the best Holmes stories are in this collection.

Mark Twain  **Adventures of Tom Sawyer & Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** – Adventure, freedom and excitement are in abundance in these two novels set in the American deep south during the great depression. Highly recommended.

Daniel Defoe  **Robinson Crusoe** - This classic follows the adventures of Robinson Crusoe, who survives a shipwreck only to find himself stuck on a desert island! How will he manage alone?

Robert L Stevenson  **Treasure Island** - When Jim Hawkins sets sail searching for buried treasure and adventure, he finds himself caught up in a deadly mutiny where he must outwit the cunning pirate Long John Silver in order to stay alive.