



# Hayle Academy

## Recommended Reads: Key Stage 3



### ACTION, ADVENTURE & THRILLERS

*Storm Catchers* by Tim Bowler  
*The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Brocket* - John Boyne  
*Bodyguard or Gamer (& sequels)* by Chris Bradford\*  
*Mortal Chaos or Lie, Kill, Walk Away* –M Dickinson  
*The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd  
*The Girl Who Stole An Elephant* by Nizrana Farook  
*Boy Overboard* by Morris Gleitzman  
*The Boy Who Flew* by Fleur Hitchcock  
*High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop* by Sharna Jackson  
*The Long Weekend* by Savita Kalhan\*  
*Girl Missing (& sequels)* by Sophie McKenzie  
*The Recruit (& sequels) or Killer T* -R Muchamore\*  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Ruby in the Smoke* by Phillip Pullman  
*Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper The Explorer* by K Rundell  
*Murder Most Unladylike (& sequels)* – R Stevens  
*Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure)* -Tracey Turner\*  
*Girl. Boy. Sea* by Chris Vick  
*The Extinction Trials* by SM Wilson

### DYSTOPIAN & SCIENCE FICTION

*The Infinite* by Patience Agbabi  
*The Middler or Troofriend* by Kirsty Applebaum  
*Ink (& sequels)* by Alice Broadway  
*Where the River Runs Gold* by Sita Brahmachari  
*Gone or BRZK (& sequels)* -Michael Grant  
*Nowhere on Earth* by Nick Lake  
*The Giver and Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry  
*The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea & How to Bee* by Bren Macdibble – environmental dystopia  
*Killer T* by Robert Muchamore  
*The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)*-P Ness  
*Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)*-P Reeve  
*Scythe, Unwind, Dry (& sequels)* – N Shusterman  
*Destination Earth* by Ali Sparkes

*Contagion or Slated (& sequels)* by Teri Terry  
*The Kid Who Came From Space* by Ross Welford  
*The 5th Wave (& sequels)* by Rick Yancey

### FANTASY, MAGICAL, HORROR & SCARY STORIES

*The House With Chicken Legs & Girl/Bear* -S. Anderson  
*Asha & The Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan  
*Mind Writer* by Steve Cole\*  
*Artemis Fowl (& sequels)* by Eoin Colfer  
*Who Let the Gods Out (& sequels)* by Maz Evans  
*Ranger's Apprentice or Brotherband* - J Flanagan  
*Inkheart (& sequels) or Reckless* by Cornelia Funke  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*Blackberry Blue* by Jamila Gavin  
*Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure* by Vashti Hardy  
*Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave\*  
*Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels)* by Derek Landy  
*Eragon (& sequels)* by Christopher Paolini\*  
*Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher* –Chris Priestley  
*Northern Lights (& sequels)* by Phillip Pullman  
*Goth Girl (& sequels)* by Chris Riddell\*  
*Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* –Riggs\*  
*Alcatraz & Evil Librarians (& sequels)* by B Sanderson  
*Zom-B or Cirque du Freak (& sequels)* by D. Shan\*  
*Oh My Gods* by Alexandra Sheppard  
*Black Panther the Young Prince* by Roland L Smith  
*The Edge Chronicles* by P Stewart and C Riddell

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## COMEDY/HUMOUR

*Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties* - Humza Arshad  
*Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy* by Frank C Boyce  
*The Last Kids on Earth (& sequels)* by Max Brallier\*  
*Fenway and Hattie* by Victoria Cole\*  
*Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire(&more)*-T.Collins\*  
*The 13-Storey Treehouse (& series)* by A Griffiths\*  
*Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy...* by Konnie Huq\*  
*Enginerds (& sequels)* by Jarrett Lerner\*  
*Disaster Diaries: Zombies (&sequels)*-R McGeddon\*  
*The Accidental Billionaire series*- T McLaughlin  
*The World of Norm series* by Jonathon Meres\*  
*Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar* by Zanib Mian  
*Timmy Failure series* by Stephan Pastis\*  
*Tom Gates series* by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)\*  
*Big Nate series* by Lincoln Peirce\*

## RELATIONSHIPS & TOUGH SITUATIONS

*Cyborg Cat (& sequels)*- Ade Adepitan\*  
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate **Boy**  
*Underwater* by Adam Baron  
*Noughts and Crosses or Pig-Heart Boy* - M Blackman  
*Blubber or anything* by Judy Blume  
*Artichoke Hearts or Jasmine Skies* -S. Brahmachari  
*A Pocketful of Stars* by Aisha Bushby  
*Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros  
*New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
*One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee* -S Crossan  
*Stella By Starlight or Blended* by Sharon Draper  
*Running on Empty* by S.E. Durrant  
*Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy* - P Earle\*  
*The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* – Chris Edge  
*Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
*Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies* by A. Fine  
*Lenny's Book of Everything* by Karen Foxlee  
*Check Mates & The Bubble Boy* by Stewart Foster  
*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*George* by Alex Gino  
*Tall Story or Shine* by Candy Gourlay  
*The Island at the End of Everything* by KM Hargrave  
*After the Fire* by Will Hill  
*Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen

*A Different Dog* by Paul Jennings\*

*Red Sky in the Morning or Song/Dolphin Boy* -E Laird

*Scarlet Ibis* by Gill Lewis

*Rain Reign* by Ann M Martin

*Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark* by Anthony McGowan \*

*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

*No Fixed Address or Word Nerd* – Susin Nielsen

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio\*

*Pax or Here in the Real World* - S Pennypacker

*Unboxed* by Non Pratt \*

*A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramee

*Long Way Down, Look Both Ways, Ghost* -Reynolds\*

*Ghost Boys or Black Brother[...]* Jewell P Rhodes

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Operation Frog Effect* by Sarah Scheerger **Can You See Me or Do You Know Me**–Scott & Westcott

*The Marvels or Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick\*

*The Boxer* by Nikesh Shukla

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas\*

*Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson

*The 1000 Year Old Boy or Time/Hamster* - Ross Welford

*A Boy Called Hope or Ocean/Armchair* - by L Williamson

*Brown Girl Dreaming or Harbor Me* - J Woodson

*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

*Cinderella is Dead* Kalynn Bayron\*

## SPORTS

*Booked, Crossover or Rebound* – K. Alexander\*

*Stat Man* by Alan Durant \*

*Unstoppable or Man of the Match* - Dan Freedman\* **The**

*Number 7 Shirt or The Lion Roars* - A Gibbons\*

*Kick* by Mitch Johnson

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*The Greatest: Muhammed Ali* by Walter D Myers\*

*Ultimate Football Heroes Collection* – M&T Oldfield\*

*Football Academy or Foul Play series*–Tom Palmer\*

*Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series)* by Bali Rai\*

*Outcasts United (young people edition)* -W. St John

*The Football Boy Wonder (& sequels)* - Martin Smith\*

*Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary Schmidt\*

## HISTORICAL FICTION & CONFLICT

*Soldier Dog or A Horse Called Hero* - Sam Angus

*The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by J Boyne\*

*The Short Knife* by Elen Caldecott

*Illegal* by Eoin Colfer \*

*Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven* -Dowswell

*Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper

*Under a War-Torn Sky* by L.M. Elliott

*Boy 87* by Ele Fountain

*The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillion

*Once (& sequels)* by Morris Gleitzman \*

*Bone Talk* by Candy Gourlay

*Grenade* by Alan Gratz

*Race to the Frozen North\*, 1783, Blade and Bones or Sawbones* by Catherine Johnson

*Orphan Monster Spy* by Matt Killeen

*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

*Crusade* by Elizabeth Laird

*Buffalo Soldier or Apache* by Tanya Landman

*Every Falling Star (North Korea)* by Sungju Lee

*Dog Tags: Semper Fido or Strays* by C A London\*

*Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story* by P Lawrence

*Shadow or In the Mouth of the Wolf* -Morpurgo

*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers\*

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielson

*After the War, Armistice Runner or Over/Line-T Palmer\**

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea David Pinkney

*Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story* by Bali Rai\*

*The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf

*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

*Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliffe

*Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah

*The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak\*

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