



# Hayle Academy

## Recommended Reads: Key Stage 3

### ACTION, ADVENTURE & THRILLERS

*The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd  
*Bus Stop Baby* by Fleur Hitchcock  
*Split Second (& sequels)* by Sophie McKenzie  
*The Recruit (& sequels) or Killer T* by Robert Muchamore\*  
*Ruby in the Smoke* by Phillip Pullman  
*Rooftopper* by Katherine Rundell  
*The Extinction Trials (& sequels)* by SM Wilson

### DYSTOPIAN & SCIENCE FICTION

*Ink (& sequels)* by Alice Broadway  
*Gone (& sequels)* by Michael Grant  
*The Knife of Never Letting Go (& sequels)* by Patrick Ness  
*Railhead & Mortal Engines (& sequels)* by Philip Reeve  
*Scythe (& sequels)* by Neal Shusterman  
*Destination Earth* by Ali Sparkes  
*The 5th Wave (& sequels)* by Rick Yancey

### FANTASY, MAGICAL, HORROR & SCARY STORIES

*The House With Chicken Legs* by Sophie Anderson  
*Artemis Fowl (& sequels)* by Eoin Colfer  
*Inkheart (& sequels) or Reckless* by Cornelia Funke  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave\*  
*Skulduggery Pleasant (& sequels)* by Derek Landy  
*Eragon (& sequels)* by Christopher Paolini\*  
*Northern Lights (& sequels)* by Phillip Pullman  
*Goth Girl (& sequels)* by Chris Riddell\*  
*Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs\*  
*Alcatraz & Evil Librarians (& sequels)* by Brandon Sanderson  
*Cirque du Freak (& sequels)* by Darren Shan\*

### COMEDY/HUMOUR

*The World of Norm series* by Jonathon Meres\*  
*Tom Gates series* by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)\*

### RELATIONSHIPS & TOUGH SITUATIONS

*Noughts and Crosses or Pig-Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
*George* by Alex Gino  
*Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen  
*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio\*  
*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker  
*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas\*  
*The 1000 Year Old Boy* by Ross Welford  
*The Boy who sailed the Ocean in an Armchair* by Lara Williamson  
*Cinderella is Dead* by Kalynn Bayron\*

### SPORTS

*Booked* by K. Alexander\*  
*Ultimate Football Heroes Collection* by M&T Oldfield\*  
*Football Academy or Foul Play series* by Tom Palmer\*

### HISTORICAL FICTION & CONFLICT

*The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by J Boyne\*  
*Boy 87* by Ele Fountain  
*The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillion  
*Once (& sequels)* by Morris Gleitzman\*  
*Orphan Monster Spy* by Matt Killeen  
*Buffalo Soldier* by Tanya Landman  
*The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf  
*Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah  
*The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak\*

Note to Parents: Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may occasionally be gritty or sensitive content. Parents know their children best and if you believe your child is not ready for this or have any concerns about the suitability of the content, please ask your child's teacher or the Librarian.

\*Top picks for reluctant readers

\*Miss Rice's favourite reads