



Hayle Academy

Recommended Reads: Key Stage 4



ACTION, MYSTERY, HORROR & THRILLERS

Johnny Delgado by Kevin Brooks

The Enemy (& sequels) by Charlie Higson*

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo by Catherine Johnson

Carrie or It by Stephen King*

We Were Liars (and prequel) by E Lockhart*

Missing Me by Sophie McKenzie

One of Us is Lying (& sequels) by Karen McManus*

The Recruit (& sequels) by Robert Muchamore*

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES/MEMOIRS/ BIOGRAPHIES

I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings by M. Angelou

Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank*

Marley & Me by John Grogan*

This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay

Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi (graphic novel)*

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

CLASSICS & MODERN LITERATURE

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr*

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo

Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks

The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*

Circe by Madeline Miller

Anita and Me by Meera Syal

The Color Purple by Alice Walker

THOUGHT-PROVOKING ISSUES

Tender by Eve Ainsworth

Booked by Kwame Alexander*

Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman*

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

One by Sarah Crossan*

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Full Disclosure by Camryn Garrett

Run, Rebel by Manjeet Mann

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

Heartstopper (graphic novel) by Alice Oseman*

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens*

My Sister's Keeper by Jodie Picoult

Rani & Sukh * by Bali Rai

Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley

The Hate U Give or On the Come Up by A Thomas*

My Name is Leon by Kit de Waal*

Face by Benjamin Zephaniah*

DYSTOPIAN/SCIENCE FICTION

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

The Power by Naomi Alderman

Six of Crows & Crooked Kingdom by Leigh Bardugo

Ink (& sequels) by Alice Broadway

City of Bones (& sequels) by Cassandra Clare*

The Maze Runner (& sequels) by James Dashner*

Cell 7 (& sequels) by Kerry Drewery

Gone (& sequels) by Michael Grant*

Department 19 (& sequels) by Will Hill

I Am Number Four (& sequels) by Pittacus Lore

The Knife of Never Letting Go series by Patrick Ness

Divergent (& sequels) by Veronica Roth*

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*Top picks for reluctant readers

*Miss Rice's favourite reads

Scythe (& sequels) by Neal Shusterman

Uglies (& sequels) by Scott Westerfield

The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

COMEDY/HUMOUR

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

Noah Can't Even by Simon James Green

The Reformed Vampire Support Group by Jinks*

Discworld series by Terry Pratchett

Geekhood series by Andy Robb

Dark Lord: The Teenage Years by Jamie Thomson

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend*

RELATIONSHIPS

Beautiful Broken Things by Sara Barnard

Fault in Our Stars or Looking for Alaska by J Green

Eleanor and Park & Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell

Shiver or Lament (&sequels) – Maggie Stiefvater

The Art of being Normal by Lisa Williamson

Everything, Everything & Sun is Also a Star- Nicola Yoon*

HISTORICAL FICTION & CONFLICT

The Miniaturist by Jessie Burton

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion

Orphan, Monster, Spy by Matt Killeen

Things a Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nicholls

Code Named Verity & Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak*

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