AGS Recommended Reading

Autumn Reading | 2026 | KS3 & KS4

Welcome to our half termly reading newsletter. Each term, we will recommend books from a range of genres and styles.

Don't forget to check out our reading lists aimed at specific year groups. All are available on our website.

The English Department

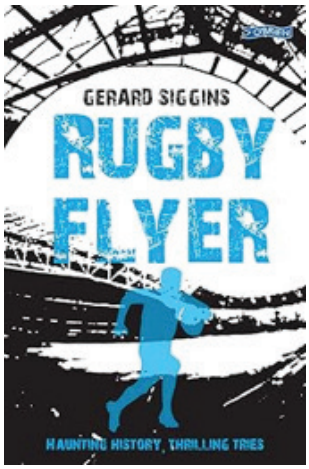
This term TOP recommended reads



Behold the savage spectacle of Wild Boy! Ladies and Gentlemen, take your seats. The show is about to begin

WINNER of the Leeds Book Award, the Brilliant Book Award, East Sussex Book Award, Phoenix Award and the Sakura Medal.

Wild Boy and Wild Boy and the Black Terror are ideal for class topics on the Victorian world, or anyone interested in Sherlock Holmes, steam punk and mystery.

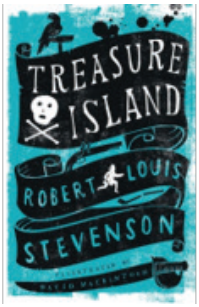


Eoin has been chosen for the Junior development squad so over the summer he gets to go to Dublin for a rugby summer school. Arising out of that, he and his new friends are taken on a trip to Twickenham, London, to play & watch rugby. While there, he meets a ghost: Prince Obolensky, a Russian who played rugby for England, scored a world famous try against New Zealand in Twickenham and later joined the RAF and died in WW2.

What about a 'Read Around the World' classic?









A selection of books promoted in our in-house school reading scheme.
Each of these books are worth a gold reading award and worth 15 Pride Points

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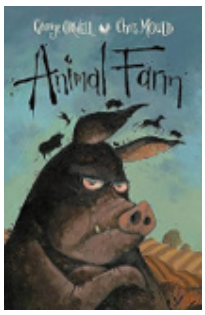
Recommended Reads About Science

This term we're shining the spotlight on some of the classic works of fiction that every self-respecting teenager should have read. Challenge yourself and be one of the millions who know and love these stories.



Fiction / Teenagers / Rebellion

Teenagers in a small Oklahoma town have split into two gangs, divided by money, tastes and attitude. The Socs' idea of having a good time is beating up Greasers like Ponyboy Curtis. Ponyboy knows what to expect and knows he can count on his brothers and friends - until the night someone takes things too far, and life is changed forever.



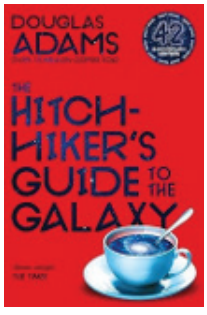
Historical Fiction | Adventure | Animals

All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others.
It's just an ordinary farm - until the animals revolt. They get rid of the irresponsible farmer. The other animals are sure that life is improving, but as systems are replaced and half-truths are retold, a new hierarchy emerges . . .
Orwell's tale of propaganda, power and greed has never felt more pertinent.



Autobiographical

Born into the world with her story already written and woven with bad luck, Adeline turns her attention to school, where she discovers that she is a talented writer, much to Father's disapproval.
'Writer! You are going to starve!'
But with a pen in her hand, she can't help but wonder what it would be like to be a writer - no, an author! It won't be easy, but Adeline must have the courage to rewrite her story. . .



Science fiction

It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and his best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing but their towels and an innocuous-looking book inscribed, in large friendly letters, with the words: DON'T PANIC.
The weekend has only just begun . . .



A student who reads is a student who succeeds.

We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!

All of our summaries are taken from Goodreads' website: www.goodreads.com

Book of the Term

Each term, staff and students recommend a book to read. This month's recommended read is by Mrs Rhodes.



The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson introduces 12-year-old Marinka, who longs for a human friend instead of her playful, wandering house.

As she is being trained to follow in her grandmother's footsteps as a Yaga guiding the dead into the afterlife, Marinka faces a lonely life without school, parties, or permanent companions.

When she finally finds a chance to make a real friend and breaks the rules, it leads to devastating consequences...

"This is a fabulous story! It regularly flies off the shelves."

Mrs Rhodes LRC