Recommended Reads for KS3

Dystopia / Sci-Fi

- Noughts and Crosses Series by Malorie Blackman / Dystopia and Race
- How I Live Now by Meg Rossof / Dystopia, War and Romance
- The Wordsmith by Patricia Forde / Dystopia
- Gone Series by Micheal Grant / Dystopia and Sci-Fi
- The Giver by Lois Lowry / Dystopia
- The Knife of Never Letter Go by Patrick Ness / Sci-Fi
- Oblivion by Anthony Horowitz / Dystopia, Sci-Fi and A

Coming of Age

- Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd (and other novels) / Coming of Age
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness / Coming of Age
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chobosky / Coming of Age and Friendships
- The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen / Coming of Age and Romance
- My Heart and Other Black Holes by Jasmine Warga / Coming of age
- The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Hargrave / Coming of Age
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green / Coming of Age
- Pay Attention by Carter Jones / Coming of Age
- The Lottie Project and other novels by Jaqueline Wilson / Coming of Age

Fantasy

- Coraline by Neil Gaiman (and other novels) / Fantasy and Adventure
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman / Fantasy and Adventure
- Mortal Engines by Phillip Reeve / Fantasy and Adventure
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs / Fantasy and Adventure
- The Golden Compass Series by Phillip Pullman / Fantasy and Adventure
- His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman / Fantasy and Adventure
- The Hatmakers by Tamzin Merchant / Adventure, Historical and Fantasy
- The Novice (Summoner Collection) by Taran Matharu / Fantasy
- Six of Crows Series by Leigh Bardugo / Fantasy
- The Blood Traitor by Lynette Noni / Fantasy
- Twister Tales Series by Disney / Fantasy

Adventure

- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket / Adventure
- The House at the Edge of Magic by Amy Sparkes / Adventure

- The Tower at the End of Time by Amy Sparkes / Adventure
- Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin / Adventure and Historical
- Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowtiz / Adventure and Spy
- Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan / Adventure
- The Creakers by Tom Fletch / Adventure
- Girl. Boy. Sea by Chris Vick / Adventure
- The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold / Environmental and Adventure
- The Rooftoppers/The Explorer/The Good Thieves/ by Katherine Rundall / Adventure
- Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson / Adventure
- The Monsters of Rookhaven by Padraig Kenny / Gothic and Adventure
- Cogheart by Peter Bunzl / Adventure
- The Last Bear by Hannah Gold / Environmental and Adventure
- The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell / Adventure
- Race to the Frozen North by Matthew Henson / Adventure
- Anatomy: A Love Story by Dana Schwartz / Adventure

Crime

- One Of Us Is Lying by Karen McManus (and other novels) / Teen Crime
- We Were Liars and Family of Liarsby e.lockhart / Teen Crime
- Murder Most Unlady like Series by Robin Stevens / Teen Crime

Race

- Face by Benjamin Zephaniah / Coming of Age and Race
- Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence / Gang and Race
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas / Coming of Age and Race
- Internment by Samira Ahmed / Dystopia and Race
- The Boxer by Nikesh Shukla / Race
- Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah / Race
- The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater / Race and Crime

Non-Fiction

- Born Free by Joy Adamson / Non-Fiction
- You Can Change the World!: Everyday Teen Heroes Making a Difference Everywhere / Non-Fiction
- Kay's Marvellous Medicine: A Gross and Gruesome History of the Human Body / Humour and Non-Fiction

Sport

- Swing by Kwame Alexande / Sport and Friendship
- Ultimate Football Hero Series by Matt Oldfield / Sport and Non-Fiction

Humour

- What's so special about Shakespeare? by Micheal Rosen / Non-Fiction and Humour
- Angus, Thongs and Full Front Snogging Series by Louise Rennison / Friendship, Humour and Romance
- The Amsterdam Adventure Eddie Albert and the Amazing Animal Gang by Paul O'Grady / Adventure and Humour

LGBTQ+

- If I Was Your Girl by Merideth Russo / LGBTQ+ and Teen Romance
- Heartstopper by Alice Osemen / LGBTQ+ and Coming of Age
- History Was All You Left Me by Adam Silvera / LGBTQ+
- Welcome to St Hell: My trans teen misadventure by Lewis Hancox / LGBTQ+
- She Gets the Girl by Rachael Lippincott and Alyson Derrick (/ LGBTQ+

Friendships

- One by Sarah Crossan / Siameese Twins and Friendships
- The Boy with Wings by Lennie Henry / Friendship
- Friends Like These by Meg Rosoff / Friendship

Mental Health

- Can You See Me by Libby Scott / Mental Health and Autism
- All The Bright Places by Jennifer Niven / Mental Health
- Everything All At Once by Steven Camden / Mental Health

Horror

- The Saga of Darren Shan Series by Darren Shan / Teen Horror and Adventure
- The Demonata Series by Darren Shan / Teen Horror and Adventure
- Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy / Fantasy and Horror

Historical

- When the Guns Fall Silent by James Riordan / Historical
- Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls-100 tales of extraordinary women by Elena Favilli / Historical
- Alexander Hamilton: The Graphic History of an American Founding Father by Jonathon Hennessey / Visual History
- Blooming Books by Raymond Briggs / Historical
- The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak / Adventure and Historical
- The Wednesday Wars and Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt / Historical and Humour