READING LIST 1 - YEAR 8

CLASSICS

- Coral Island *by R. M Ballantyne*
- The Secret Garden *by Frances Hodgson Burnett*
- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes *by Arthur Conan Doyle*

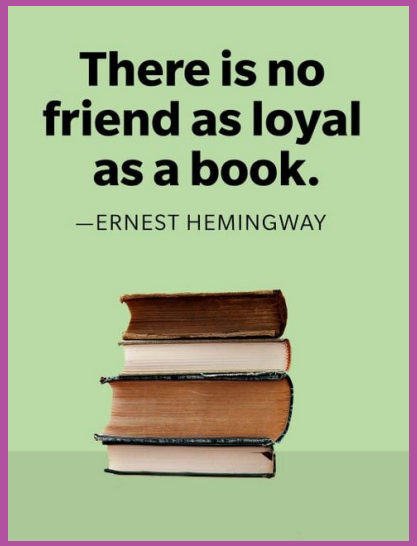
MODERN

- The Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ *by Sue Townsend*
- Welcome to Nowhere *by Elizabeth Laird*
- Noughts and Crosses *by Malorie Blackman*
- Chinese Cinderella *by Adeline Yen Mah*
- Wink *by Rob Harrell*
- Ingo *by Helen Dunmore*
- I am David *by Anne Holm*

NON-FICTION

- Diary of a Young Girl *by Anne Frank*

Unlocking the Universe *by Stephen and Lucy Hawking*





Ms Tonkin recommends:

"The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend was published in 1982 when I was in Year 8. It is a written in a diary style and the protagonist is a teenage boy who sees himself as an intellectual with strong opinions about the historic world events of the time. This includes views about the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the Falklands War, and the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana. It is a witty book, with Adrian misinterpreting events around him. It is also his candid view of teenage life and puberty, including his dysfunctional relationship with his parents, and his adoration of Pandora Braithwaite, the love of his life…"

READING LIST 2 - YEAR 8

CLASSICS

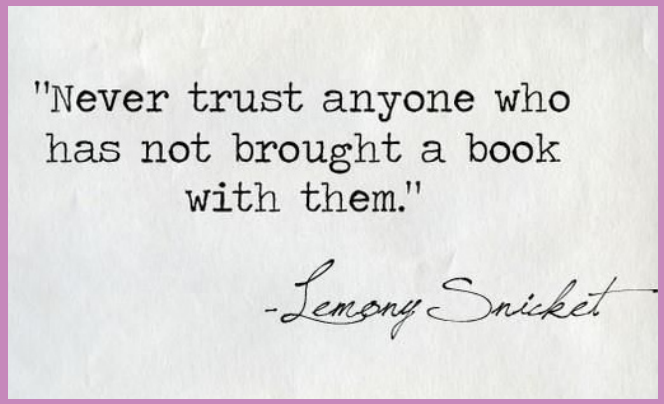
- Black Beauty *by Anna Sewell*
- The Wind in the Willows *by Kenneth Graham*
- Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry *by Mildred D. Taylor*

MODERN

- Where the World Ends *by Geraldine McCaughrean*
- Thirteen *by Tom Hoyle*
- Girl in the Attic *by Valerie Mendes*
- When the World Was Ours *by Liz Kessler*
- When Life Gives You Mangoes *by Kereen Getten*
- How I Live Now *by Meg Rosoff*
- Coram Boy *by Jamila Gavin*

NON-FICTION

- Hope in a Ballet Shoe
  by Michaela and Elaine De Prince
- What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions *by Randall Munroe*





Miss Lowe recommends:

I thoroughly enjoyed Valerie Mendes' Girl in the Attic as a teenager, so much so that I recently re-read it as an adult. A gripping, fast-moving novel, it explores the whirlpools of change in teenagers' lives, the strength of friendship, and the inescapable, binding pull of love. Thirteen-year-old Nathan is furious when his mum hauls him off to Cornwall for Christmas and tells him they are to move there for good. He wants to be back in London with Dad, and his best friend Tom. But then he finds a cottage – and a girl. The girl in the attic. Who is she and what is the family secret that haunts her?

READING LIST 3 - YEAR 8

CLASSICS

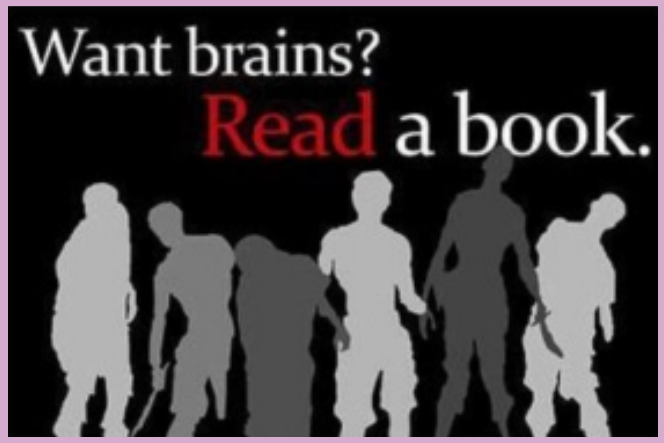
- Goodnight Mister Tom *by Michelle Magorian*
- Stig of the Dump *by Clive King*
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy *by Douglas Adams*

MODERN

- Artemis Fowl *by Eoin Colfer*
- A Series of Unfortunate Events *by Lemony Snicket*
- Lark *by Anthony McGowan*
- The Dark is Rising *by Susan Cooper*
- A Monster Calls *by Patrick Ness*
- The Ruby in the Smoke *by Phillip Pullman*
- Dear Martin *by Nic Stone*

NON-FICTION

- Alastair Campbell Talks Politics
- Dear Jelly: Family Letters from the First World War *by Sarah Ridley*





Miss Tabb recommends:

In fifteen minutes time, as she steps out of the horse drawn cab, Sally- aged 16- will kill a man in the street. How did this 16 year old go from a shy girl visiting her father to a murderer's accomplice on the trail of the worlds most expensive ruby? Phillip Pullman's The Ruby in the Smoke answers that very question. Set in Victorian England, Sally is a detective to rival Sherlock Holmes. Only better. I read the series over and over again when I was twelve years old because I got to imagine I was the detective. The book is fast paced, gripping with plot twists at every turn. And if you enjoyed the first, there are three more books in the series.