

ENGLISH & THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We look forward to welcoming your child to NHGS in September. The single most useful - and arguably entertaining - thing your child can do to prepare for secondary school life is to read regularly over the summer. This infographic – based on American studies – demonstrates the difference that a small amount of reading can make.

Reading leads to a better vocabulary. An extended vocabulary has been linked to better exam success but also to better life chances. The benefits of reading extend well beyond the classroom. Reading for pleasure brings with it a range of benefits from increased empathy, improved mental health and reduced stress levels, as well as improved intelligence.

Here is a list of recommended reads – created by our Year 7 students at NHGS. Please show the list to your child and, through the summer holiday, encourage them to meet the 20 minute a day challenge. It would be helpful if you would talk to your child about what they are reading, and share with them the things that you enjoy reading. Regular reading may both help to prevent the transition dip and provide some interest and stimulation over the long summer break.



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Yr 7 Recommend

A Pocket Full of Stars
Artichoke Hearts
Artemis Fowl and the Eternity Code – whole series
Cherry Crush - whole series
Cookie
Demon Dentist, Gangsta Granny or Ice Monster
Diving Adventure
Dream On
Double Cross: the True Story of the D-Day Spies
Emily Windsnap - whole series
Girl Online
Golden Goal - whole series
Percy Jackson and The Last Olympian - whole series
Point Blanc and other Alex Rider novels
Shine
Skellig
Skulduggery Pleasant series
Summander and Contender - whole series
The Bad Beginning – series of Unfortunate Events
The Cherub Series
The Unforgotten Coat
The Enemy
The Harry Potter Series
The Hobbit
The Ingo Chronicles
Six Steps to a Girl Series
The Power of Five Series
The Wheel of Surya
Unhooking the Moon
War Horse or anything by this author
Ways to Live Forever
Welcome to Nowhere
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Wonder
The Dog Who Saved the World or The 1000 Year Old Boy
The House with Chicken Legs
Soldier Dog or A Horse Called Hero or Captain
Two Can Keep a Secret

Aisha Bushby
Sita Brahmachari
Eoin Colfer
Cathy Cassidy
Jacqueline Wilson
David Walliams
Willard Price
Bali Rai
Ben Macintyre
Liz Kessler
Zoe Sugg
Dan Freedman
Rick Riordan
Anthony Horowitz
Candy Gourlay
David Almond
Derek Landy
Taran Matharu
Lemony Snicket
Robert Muchamore
Frank Cottrell Boyce
Charlie Higson
J. K. Rowling
J.R.R. Tolkien
Helen Dunmore
Sophie Mackenzie
Anthony Horowitz
Jamila Gavin
Gregory Hughes
Michael Morpurgo
Sally Nicholls
Elizabeth Laird
Judith Kerr
R.J. Palacio
Ross Welford
Sophie Anderson
Sam Angus
Karen McManus

