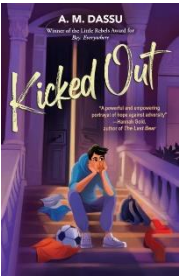


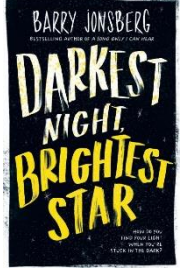
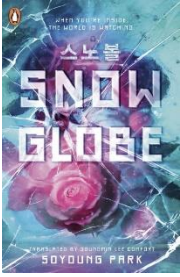
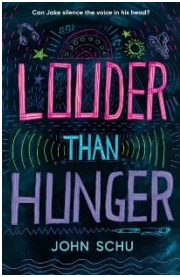
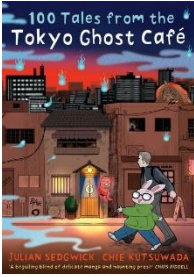



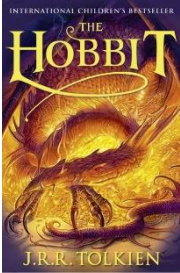

Year 9 Recommended Reads

This booklist has been put together to help you explore a wide range of stories and voices. Inside, you'll find exciting adventures, powerful and emotional tales, and modern books that reflect the world you live in today. Some titles will challenge you, some will inspire you, and some might even become your new favourites. The books are available to borrow from the Senior Library or from the digital library SORA.

	<p>The Wycherleys – Annaliese Avery</p> <p>17-year-old Aurelia Wycherley is entering her debutante season as a witch. Aurelia should be excited about finding the perfect match to tether her magic to. But her magic is cursed - dark, dangerous, and not the kind that her peers want to match with - and, without a tether, she faces losing her magic completely. But when Aurelia learns that enigmatic, aloof Jules, a member of arch enemy family the Nightlys, is searching for a way that a witch can keep their magic without tethering, she realises he may be her only hope. A forbidden alliance is formed, but as they navigate the Magical Season with its glamourised balls and perilous trials, they uncover dark forces that threaten their families and the magical world they live in.</p> <p>Fantasy / Historical / Romance / London</p>
	<p>Totally Deceased – Sue H Cunningham</p> <p>Seventeen-year-old Jess is recovering from an emergency heart transplant only to realise she is being haunted by the disgruntled ghost of her donor, Tilly.</p> <p>Adventure / Crime / Detective / Funny / Ghost / Heart/organ transplants</p>
	<p>Wintours Game – Brian Dungan</p> <p>Alex Wintour: orphan, teenager, oracle, thief. Alex has only got this far in life by living off her wits. Well, that and an ability to see glimpses of the future - a useful talent when you need to stay one step ahead of the law. Then a robbery goes wrong, and her path is set on a collision course with the enigmatic teen millionaire Colman Reece. Like Alex, Cole is a Temporal - someone who can manipulate time - and he needs Alex's help for a heist that only she can pull off. But with the clock ticking, the sinister Temple on their tail and the hunt for a mysterious weapon underway, Alex soon learns that even being able to see the future doesn't always give you the winning hand...</p>

	Adventure / Crime / Science Fiction / Thieves / Time Slip
	<p>Kicked Out – A M Dassau</p> <p>Sami and Ali set out to prove that their friend, Aadam, is innocent when he is accused of stealing thousands of pounds from a rich friend's house.</p> <p>Family / Football / Friends / Racism / Refugees / Theft</p>
	<p>The Hive – Anna February</p> <p>Justice is merciless in The Hive, a monarchy of tomorrow, where young bodyguard Feldspar awaits execution, guilty of being alive when her charge is dead. The girl has one defender – Niko, a royal maverick. Together they have three days to prove the impossible. Three days to question everything Feldspar knows about the world that raised her and discover who the real murderer is...</p> <p>Adventure / Dystopia / Fantasy / Monarchy / Murder Mystery</p>
	<p>Domain – Rohan Gavin</p> <p>Teenager Porter Simms lives with surrogate parents and only a distant memory of his real ones: a car in the snow, a set of electrodes on his forehead, playing chess with his dad on an iPad - and then the accident. When a friend of his parents locates him, Porter is persuaded to try this experimental technology again - only now it has evolved to give him abilities that most people could only dream of. And this time it's a game with global stakes. Now Porter is able to "channel" data wirelessly to his brain - a.k.a. his "domain": from martial artist to concert pianist, free climber to linguist, a menu of abilities at the blink of an eye. But there's a major catch: he is permanently online, a device of the government, and every time he uses the skills, he loses a part of himself. To make matters worse, an unseen enemy wants him taken offline - permanently.</p> <p>Adventure stories / Internet / Loss / Science Fiction Stories</p>
	<p>Darkest Night, Brightest Star – Barry Jonsberg</p> <p>Thirteen-year-old Morgan is striving to meet his father's high expectations, but realises that he isn't like his misogynist, racist and homophobic father. Shining a timely and much-needed light on different kinds of masculinity, Darkest Night, Brightest Star is a unique and compelling novel from a masterful storyteller.</p> <p>Self-esteem Families</p> <p>Dementia / Homophobia / Emotional Abuse / Football</p>

	<p>Snowglobe – Soyoung Park</p> <p>In a world of constant winter, only the citizens of the climate-controlled city of Snowglobe can escape the bitter cold, but this perfect society is hiding dark and dangerous secrets within its frozen heart.</p> <p>Dystopia / Death / Fantasy / Mystery / Science Fiction</p>
	<p>Louder than Hunger – John Schu</p> <p>Follows Jake, a teenage boy grappling with disordered eating, and chronicles the victories and obstacles he encounters on his journey towards recovery. Jake feels alone at school and alone at home. Some days it feels like the only people who understand him is the poet Emily Dickinson - and Jake's beloved grandma. But there is also the Voice inside him, louder than any other, who professes to know him best of all. The one that says "You have me." The Voice is loud enough to drown out everything else, even the hunger Jake feels, until his mom intervenes and sends him to Whispering Pines. Here Jake will learn how to confront the loneliness inside him, and find out who he is and what he has to live for. That is, if he can quiet the Voice... Told in succinct and powerful verse, this novel is a stunning and wholly authentic expression of a young man finding the will - and the power - to wrest control from the intrusive thoughts that crowd his mind.</p> <p>Bullying / Eating Disorders / Empathy / Mental Health / Novel in Verse</p>
	<p>100 Tales from a Tokyo Ghost Café – Julian Sedgewick</p> <p>Lost and alone in Japan, Akira must find his family and rescue his sister, but he can't remember from what. With new friends Julian and Chie, he journeys across northern Japan, facing yokai monsters and infamous ghosts, including an immortal cat and haunted houses. Blending prose & manga, this is a unique reading experience with ghost stories ranging from terrifying to hilarious to emotionally stirring, enriched with Japanese words and folklore. A fascinating read.</p> <p>Comic Books / Ghost Stories / Graphic Novel / Japan</p>
	<p>Deadsoul Project – Dan Smith</p> <p>Secret organisation The Night House exposes the terrifying truth behind the Alpine Heights disaster. In 1977, the Alpine Heights tower block where Kyle Dempsey and his sister Lauren live with their mum and stepdad becomes the site of a horrific infestation. Believing their stepdad, Connor, to have been killed in action in Northern Ireland, Kyle and Lauren are shocked to find him at home in their flat. But Connor is changed. Following a secret military experiment, he has been infected with some kind of alien life form, which is using him as a host to infect the other residents of the tower block with gruesome results.</p> <p>Dyslexia Friendly / Horror / Thriller / Scary</p>

	<p>The Hobbit or There and Back Again – J R R Tolkien</p> <p>The Hobbit is the unforgettable story of Bilbo, a peace-loving hobbit, who embarks on a strange and magical adventure.</p> <p>Adventure / Classic / Fantasy / Journeys</p>
	<p>Under the London Sky – Anna Woltz</p> <p>London, September 1940. Deep in the Underground, hidden from the bombs, four teenagers meet. Without the Blitz, they never would have met. Fourteen-year-old Ella walks with a limp. Some days, she feels like a laughingstock. Other days, like no one sees her at all. Quinn is fifteen, fancy and fearless. She’s run away from home with a bag of family jewels and big ideas about changing the world. Jack is sixteen and doesn’t care about anything anymore – he’s already lost it all. And then there’s Sebastian, Quinn’s older brother. He used to be her hero. Until he became a traitor...</p> <p>Blitz / Historical / London / Physical Disabilities / WW2</p>