The Appleton School English Department
KS3 recommended reading list

“Adventure

- Siobhan Dowd: *The London Eye Mystery*
- Tonke Dragt: *The Letter for the King*
- Kiran Milwood Hargrave: *The Island at the end of everything*
- Tom Palmer: *Defenders, Killing Ground*
- Michelle Paver: *Wolf Brother*
- Philip Pullman: *The Ruby in the smoke (series)*
- Louis Sachar: *Holes*
- Nic Stone: *Clean Getaway*
- Renee Watson: *Some places more than others*

“Classics

- Louisa May Alcott: *Little Women*
- Charles Dickens: *A Christmas Carol*
- Frances Hodgson Burnett: *The secret Garden*
- Michelle Magorian: *Goodnight Mister Tom*
- Michael Morpurgo: *War Horse* (Private Peaceful)
- Lemony Snicket: *A series of Unfortunate Events*
- R.L. Stevenson: *Treasure Island*

“Culture

- Kwame Alexander: *The Undefeated*
- Anne Frank: *The Diary of a young Girl*
- Morris Gleitzman: *Once*
- Elizabeth Laird: *The Garbage King*
- Onjali Q. Rauf: *The boy at the back of the class*
- Benjamin Zephaniah: *Refugee Boy*

“Humour

- Meg Carbot: *The Princess diaries* (series)
- Roald Dahl: *The Twits*
- Jeff Kinney: *Diary of a Wimpy kid*
- Liz Pichon: *Tom Gates*
- David Walliams: *Demon Dentist*
**Personal, Social and relationships**
- Malorie Blackman: *Tell me no lies, Noughts and Crosses*  
- Alex Gino: *George*  
- R.J. Palacio: *Wonder*  
- Jewell Parker Rhodes: *Ghost Boys*  
- Annabel Pitcher: *My sister lives on the mantelpiece*  
- Robert Swindells: *Stone Cold*  

**Science fiction and fantasy**
- Suzanne Collins: *The Hunger Games (Trilogy)*  
- James Dashner: *The Maze Runner*  
- Neil Gaiman: *Coraline*  
- Derek Landy: *Skulduggery Pleasant (series)*  
- Pittacus Lore: *I am number four*  
- Philip Pullman: *Northern lights (series)*  
- Philip Reeve: *Mortal Engines (series)*  
- Rick Riordan: *Percy Jackson (series)*  
- *Heroes of Olympus (series)*  
- Veronica Roth: *Divergent (Trilogy)*  
- J.K. Rowling: *Harry Potter (series)*  
- *Tales of Beadle the Bard*  

**Note to parents/carers:**
- Students should always have a reading book in their school bag.  
- Books with an asterisk * are for age 12+ and may explore topics or graphic descriptions for that age and above. The English department require written consent if your child is under the age of 12 and would like to read one of those books or access a book from the KS4 reading list.  
- Books highlighted are available from the school library.  
- If your child would like any further recommendations, the English department would be more than happy to help.