

# FULLY BOOKED UP FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

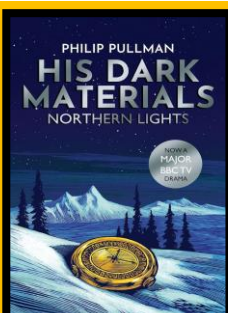
## YEAR 6 into YEAR 7 READING FOR PLEASURE

*'I think it's the books that you read when you're young that live with you forever'*

J. K Rowling

We are really looking forward to welcoming you at HABS in September. Here are a few titles you might be interested in reading over the summer break. We are also inviting you to enter a library competition – More details at the back of this reading list.

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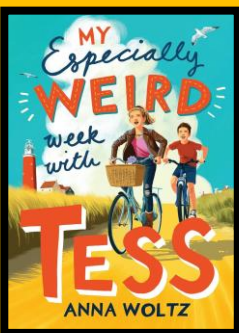


#### **Northern Lights - Philip Pullman**

Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford.

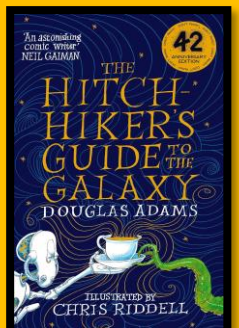
The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.

Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...



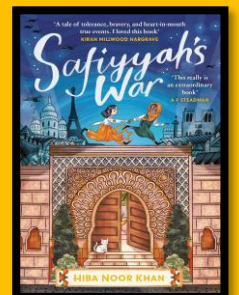
#### **My Especially Weird Weekend with Tess - Anna Woltz**

It's the first day of the holidays and Sam is roaming the island of Texel, imagining what it'd feel like to be the last person on earth. Then, like a whirlwind, 12-year-old islander Tess swoops into his life. Sam's only option is to go along for the ride. Soon he's dancing the waltz, burying a pet canary, and coming up with an especially weird plan to help Tess find her father, who doesn't even know she exists. Along the way, Sam discovers the true meaning of family and what it is to be alive. One thing's for sure – this is a holiday he'll never forget.



#### **The Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy – Douglas Adams**

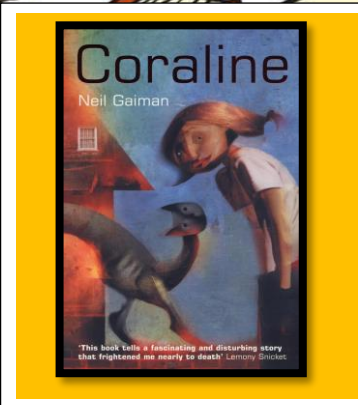
It's an ordinary Thursday lunchtime for Arthur Dent until his house gets demolished. The Earth follows shortly afterwards to make way for a new hyperspace express route, and Arthur's best friend has just announced that he's an alien. At this moment, they're hurtling through space with nothing, but their towels and a book inscribed in large, friendly letters: DON'T PANIC.



#### **Safiyyah's War – Hiba Noor Khan**

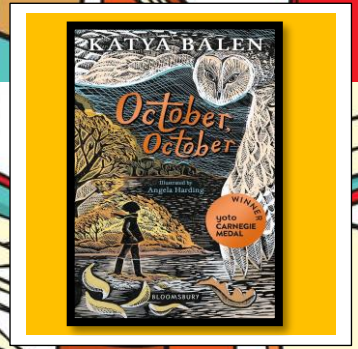
War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes for ever. Her best friend's family have fled, and the bombing makes her afraid to leave the mosque where she lives. But when her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city.

It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can Safiyyah find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead the Jews to safety?



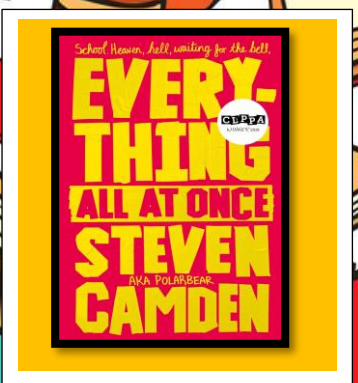
**Coraline – Neil Gaiman**

There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger that Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, her new neighbours, read in the tea leaves. It's the other house - the one behind the old door in the drawing room...



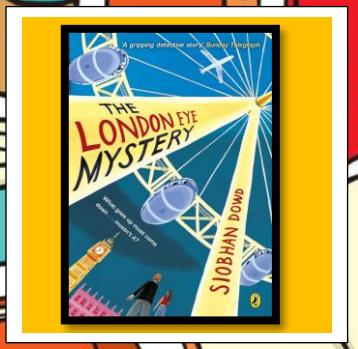
**October, October – Katya Balen**

October and her dad live in the woods. They know the trees and the rocks and the lake and stars like best friends. They live in the woods, and they are wild. And that's the way it is. Until the year October turns eleven. That's the year October rescues a baby owl. It's the year Dad falls out of the biggest tree in their woods. The year the woman who calls herself October's mother comes back. The year everything changes.



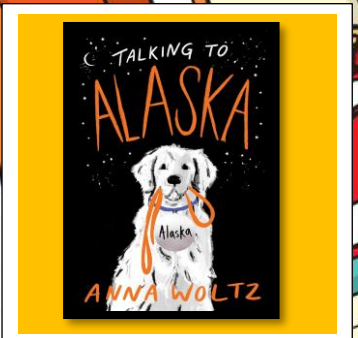
**Everything All At Once - Stephen Camden**

In *Everything All at Once*, Steven Camden's poems speak to the kaleidoscope of teen experience and life at secondary school.



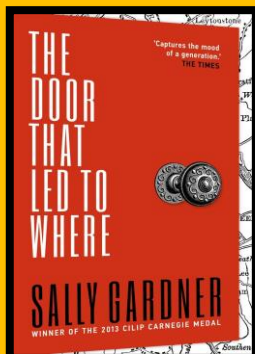
**The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd**

**11.32 a.m.** Ted and his sister Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. The pod rises from the ground, high above the city.  
**12.02 p.m.** The pod lands and the doors open. Everyone exits - everyone but Salim.  
 Has he spontaneously combusted? (Ted's theory.)  
 Has he been kidnapped? (Aunt Gloria's theory.)  
 Is he even still alive? (The family's unspoken fear.) ...



**Talking to Alaska – Anna Wolz**

It only takes one day at their new school for Parker and Sven to become mortal enemies. Parker had a terrible summer and just wants to be invisible, while Sven is desperate to make an impression and be known as anything other than "that boy with epilepsy."  
 When Parker discovers her beloved dog Alaska – who she had to give away last year – now belongs to Sven, she's determined to steal Alaska back. Of course, that's easier said than done...



### **The Door That Led To Where - Sally Gardner**

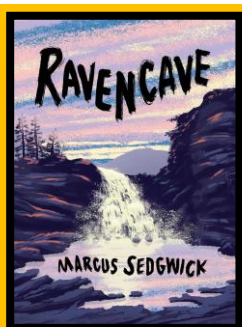
AJ Flynn has just failed all but one of his GCSEs, and his future is looking far from rosy. So when he is offered a junior position at a London law firm he hopes his life is about to change - but he could never have imagined by how much.

Tidying up the archive one day, AJ finds an old key, mysteriously labelled with his name and date of birth - and he becomes determined to find the door that fits the key. And so begins an amazing journey to a very real and tangible past - 1830, to be precise - where the streets of modern Clerkenwell are replaced with cobbles and carts, and the law can be twisted to suit a villain's means...



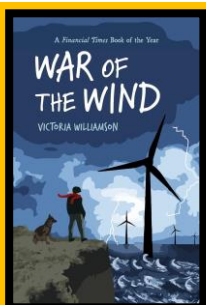
### **Impossible Creatures – Katherine Rundell**

a passage to the Archipelago: a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures of myth still live and breed and thrive in their thousands. There he meets Mal: a girl from the islands, who is in possession of a flying coat and a baby griffin, and who is being pursued by a killer. Together they embark on an urgent quest to discover why the creatures are suddenly perishing, voyaging across the wild splendour of the Archipelago, where sphinxes hold secrets and centaurs do murder, in a bid to save both the islands and the world beyond them from a rising evil - before it's too late.



### **Ravencave – Marcus Sedwick**

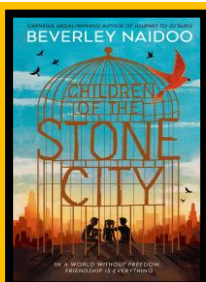
On holiday in Yorkshire, James is bored out of his mind being dragged around various old ruins as his dad tries to trace his family's roots. Then one day as his parents bicker and his moody teenage brother ignores him, James hears mischievous laughter, and the ghost of a young girl appears to him at Crackpot Hall. When the girl first urges James to follow him, he's afraid and runs away. But when she appears again after another argument between James and his brother, he goes after her, leading to a gruesome discovery that reveals a terrible truth about his family.



### **The War of the Wind – Victoria Williamson**

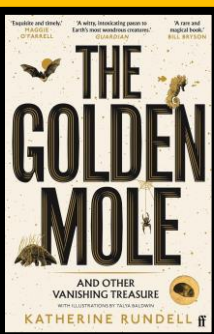
On a remote Scottish island, fourteen-year-old Max's life changes forever when he loses his hearing in a boating accident. Struggling to make sense of his new life and finding it hard to adapt in school, he begins to notice other - even stranger - changes taking place when a new wind farm appears off the island's coast.

With the help of three school friends with additional support needs, Max discovers that a sinister scientist, Doctor Ashwood, is using wind turbines to experiment on the islanders. They must find a way to shut down the government's secret test before it spins out of control...



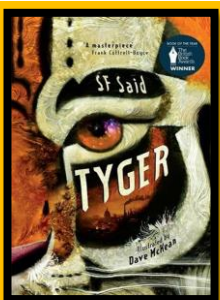
### **Children of the Stone City – Beverley Naidoo**

Set in a world where Adam and Leila and their friend Zak live as Nons under the Permitted ruling class. Then, when Adam and Leila's father dies unexpectedly, their mother faces losing her permit to live in the Stone City with deportation to where she was born. Before music-loving Adam can implement his plan to save Mama, Zak is arrested for a bold prank that goes wrong, with far-reaching repercussions for them all . . .



***The Golden Mole and Other Vanishing Treasure – Katherine Rundell***

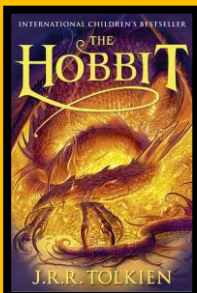
In *The Golden Mole*, Katherine Rundell, takes us on a globe-spanning tour of the world's strangest and most awe-inspiring animals, including pangolins, wombats, lemurs and seahorses. But each of these animals is endangered. And so, this most passionately persuasive and sharply funny book is also an urgent, inspiring clarion call: to treasure and act - to save nature's vanishing wonders, before it is too late.



***Tyger – S F Said***

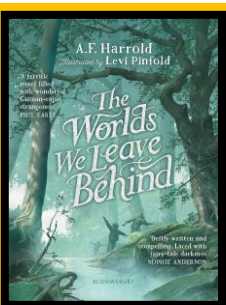
Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger.

Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?



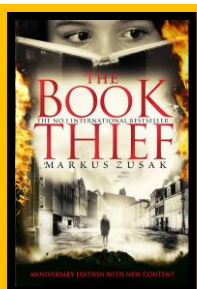
***The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien***

Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home; then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services – as a burglar – on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.



***The Worlds We Leave Behind – AF Harrold***

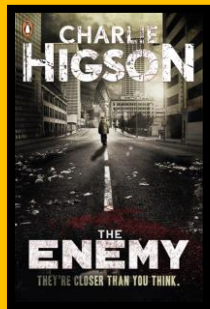
Hex never meant for the girl to follow him and his friend Tommo into the woods. He never meant for her to fall off the rope swing and break her arm. When the finger of blame is pointed at him, Hex runs deep into the woods and his fierce sense of injustice leads him to a strange clearing in the woods - a clearing that has never been there before - where an old lady in a cottage offers him a deal. She'll rid the world of those who wronged him, and Hex can carry on his life with them all forgotten and as if nothing ever happened. But what Hex doesn't know is someone else has been offered the same deal...



***The Book Thief – Marcus Zusak***

*It is 1939. In Nazi Germany, the country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier - and will become busier still.*

By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, and this is her first act of book thievery. So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library . . . wherever there are books to be found.



***The Enemy - Charlie Higson***

Everyone over the age of fourteen has succumbed to a deadly zombie virus and now the kids must keep themselves alive.

When the sickness came, every parent, police officer, politician - every adult fell ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry.

Only children under fourteen remain, and they're fighting to survive.



***The Night Bus Hero – Onjali Q Rauf***

*'The boy's an absolute menace.'*

*'He's a bully. A lost cause!'*

*'Why can't he be more like his sister?'*

'I've been getting into trouble for as long I can remember. Usually I don't mind - some of my best, most brilliant ideas have come from sitting in detention. But recently it feels like no one believes me about anything - even when I'm telling the truth! Everyone thinks I'm just a bully. They don't believe I could be a hero. But I'm going to prove them all wrong...'



***Stranger Things: The Other Side - Jody Houser***

When Will Byers finds himself in the Upside Down, an impossible dark parody of his own world, he's understandably frightened. But that's nothing compared with the fear that takes hold when he realises what's in that world with him. Follow Will's struggle through the season one events of the hit Netflix show Stranger Things.



***Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gørlan – John Flanagan***

They have always scared him in the past – the Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practise magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice.

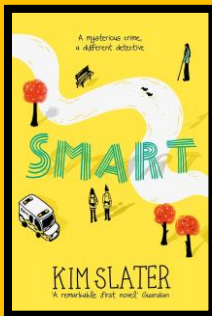
What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing...



***Mortal Engines – Philip Reeve***

In a dangerous future, huge, motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival.

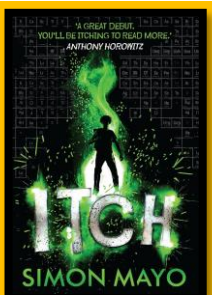
As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down.



### Smart – Kim Slater

There's been a murder, but the police don't care. It was only a homeless old man after all.

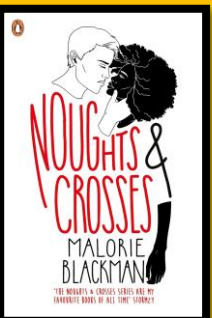
Kieran cares. He's made a promise, and when you say something out loud, that means you're going to do it, for real. He's going to find out what really happened. To Colin. And to his grandma, who just stopped coming round one day. It's a good job Kieran's a master of observation and knows all the detective tricks of the trade.



### Itch – Simon Mayo

Itchingham Loft - known as Itch - is fourteen, and loves science, especially chemistry. He's also an element-hunter: he's collecting all the elements in the periodic table. Which has some interesting and rather destructive results in his bedroom.

Then, Itch makes a discovery. A new element, never seen before. At first no one believes him - but soon someone hears about the strange new rock and wants it for himself. And Itch and his family are catapulted into a breathless adventure with terrifyingly high stakes . . .

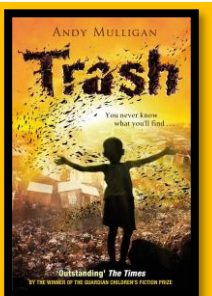


### Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman

**Sephy** is a Cross: she lives a life of privilege and power. But she's lonely and burns with injustice at the world she sees around her.

**Callum** is a nought: he's considered to be less than nothing - a blanker, there to serve Crosses - but he dreams of a better life.

They've been friends since they were children, and they both know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies - love is out of the question.



### Trash – Andy Mulligan

Raphael lives on a dumpsite, eking out a living sifting through rubbish. One unlucky-lucky day, he makes an extraordinary and deadly discovery. Now he and his two friends, Gardo and Rat, are wanted by the corrupt forces that run the city and will stop at nothing to get back what they've lost.

From the slums to the mansions of the elite, it's going to take all of their quick-thinking and fast-talking to stay ahead. And to stay alive.



### The Eagle of the Ninth – Rosemary Sutcliffe

The Ninth Legion marched into the mists of northern Britain - and they were never seen again.

Four thousand men disappeared, and their eagle standard was lost. It's a mystery that's never been solved, until now . . .

Marcus has to find out what happened to his father, who led the legion. So, he sets out into the unknown, on a quest so dangerous that nobody expects him to return.

