

Chessington School recommended reads as chosen by year 7s and 8s; books they love and would read again and again – hopefully you will too!

Amongst the Hidden & Amongst the Imposters – Margaret Haddix (Sci-fi set in a future of ‘shadow children’)
Anne Frank’s Diary Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer (Quirky humour in a fantasy espionage world)
A Series of Unfortunate Events: Lemony Snicket – Egmont (Good versus evil)
A Wizard of Earthsea trilogy (Sci-fi set in a mythic world of wizards and dragons)
Beyond the Deepwoods – P. Stewart & C. Riddell (For children who’ve read Harry Potter)
Cirque du Freak series – Darren Shan (Would you want to become a vampire’s assistant?)
Diary of a Wimpy Kid – Jeff Kinney
Dreamweaver – Louise Lawrence (Space travel)
Gangster Granny – David Walliams
Gone series – Michael Grant
Haroun and the Sea of Stories – Salman Rushdie (Magical realism for lovers of the Arabian Nights tales)
Harry Potter series – JK Rowling (Schoolboy magic)
His Dark Materials Trilogy – Philip Pullman (Spiritual fantasy)
Holes and Small Steps - Louis Sachar
Kensuke’s Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo (Round the world trip)
Kit’s Wilderness – David Almond (Supernatural adventure)
Maphead & Maphead 2 – Lesley Howarth (Sci-fi adventure of visitors to Earth seeking roots)
Milo’s Wolves – Jenny Nimmo (Clone or angel? Sci-fi story with a supernatural twist)
Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve (Jet propelled cities)
Mr Monday – Garth Nix (For Harry Potter lovers)
Noughts and Crosses series – Malorie Blackman
Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
Sabriel - Garth Nix (Dark magic)
Sister’s Red – Jackson Pearce (A fairytale retelling of Red Riding Hood as an axe-wielding werewolf huntress)
Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah
The Amazing Maurice & his Educated Rodents – Terry Pratchett (Modern spin on The Pied Piper)
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne (tale of friendship over-coming prejudice in Nazi Germany)
The Doomspell Trilogy – Cliff McNish (Witch worlds and magic)
The Edges Chronicles – P. Stewart and Paul Riddell (World where gravity pulls things upwards!)
The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings Trilogy – JRR Tolkien (Fantasy quest)
The Lord of the Flies – William Golding
The Lightning Thief – Percy Jackson series – Rick Riordan
The Phantom Tollbooth – Norton Juster (Comic quest adventure)
The Wind Singer – William Nicholson (Fantasy quest adventure)
The Wish List – Eoin Colfer (Supernatural: Adventures in the after-life)

