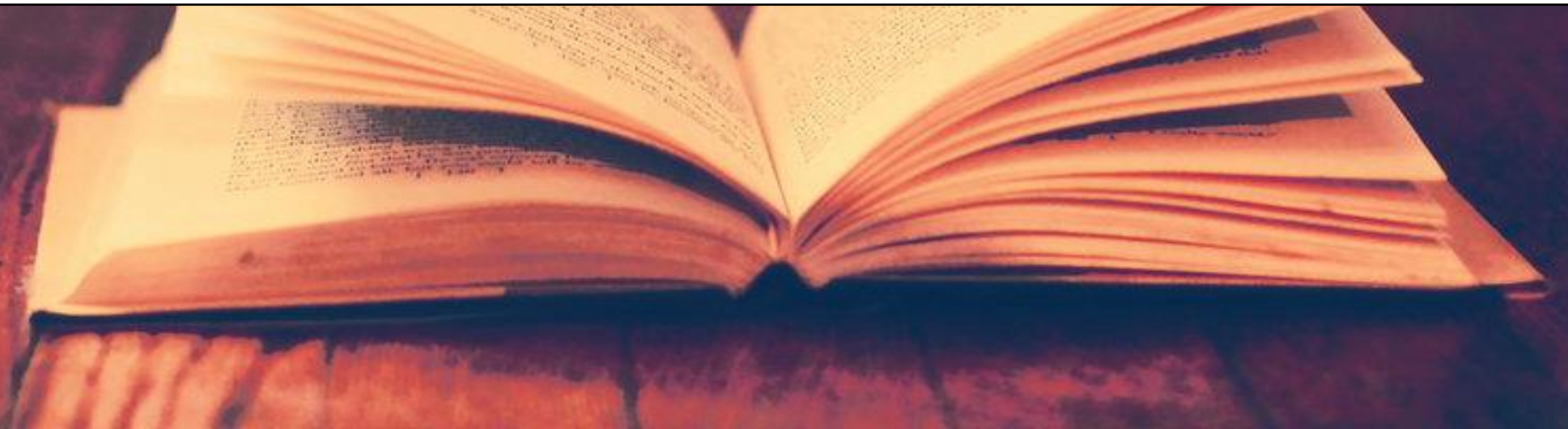


# Reading at KS3

The English department at Epsom and Ewell High School believe reading is a vital part of our student's education. With the introduction of new rigorous GCSEs it is essential that students are exposed to a range of texts and genres at Key Stage Three to enable them to tackle the unseen texts they will be faced with at Key Stage Four.

Research has shown that reading for just 20 minutes per day has an incredible impact on a student's progress. With this in mind, we want to encourage our students to start reading for pleasure on their own, or with support, at home. To help get students started we have created a list of books from different genres which you will find in this document. They have been carefully selected, with KS3 students in mind, to encourage reading for pleasure. In addition to this, we have also included various reading comprehension strategies, so students are able to self monitor their understanding of a text using the deep learning skills that are expected of them everyday at school.

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' Dr Seuss.



## ***Award winning books***

**Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth** by Frank Cottrell Boyce

**Millions** by Frank Cottrell Boyce

**The Bone Sparrow** by Zana Fraillon

**Railhead** by Philip Reeve

**Maggot Moon** by Sally Gardner



## ***Take me to another world...***

**Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse** by Chris Riddell

**The Book of Dust** by Philip Pullman

**School for Skylarks** by Sam Angus

**Dealing with Dragons** by Patricia C. Wrede

**Harry Potter series** by JK Rowling

**Eragon** by Christopher Paolini



## ***Action and Adventure***

**Reborn/Remade** by Alex Scarrow

**The Land of Neverendings** by Kate Saunders

**Dog** by Andy Mulligan

**Time Travelling with a Hamster**

Ross Welford

**Spy School** by Amma Lee

**Beetle Boy** by MG Leonard



## ***Give me goosebumps...***

**Room 13** by Robert Swindells

**The Ghost Dog** by Pete Johnson

**Skulduggery Pleasant** by Derek Landy

**Mountwood School for Ghosts** by Toby Ibbotson

**The Glass Children** by Kristina Ohlsson

**The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman



## *Based on true stories...*

**I Am Malala** (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai  
**George's Secret Key to the Universe** by Lucy Hawkin & Stephen Hawkin  
**The Diary of a Young Girl** by Anne Frank  
**The Promise** by Barbara Powers  
**El Deafo** By Cece Bell

## *Make me smile...*

**Bad Dad** by David Walliams  
**Tom Gates: Epic Adventure** by Liz Pichon  
**Timmy Failure: The Book You're Not Supposed to Have** by Stephan Pastis  
**The Girl with the Lost Smile** by Miranda Hart  
**Kid Normal** by Greg James



## *Growing up...*

**George** by Alex Gino  
**Blubber** by Judy Blume  
**Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick  
**Counting by 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
**Wonder** by R J Palacio  
**A Boy Called Hope** by Lara Williamson



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## *Classics...*

**Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson  
**Alice in Wonderland** by Lewis Carroll  
**Goodnight Mister Tom** by Michelle Magorian  
**The Hobbit** by JRR Tolkien  
**Swallows and Amazons** by Arthur Ransom  
**Oliver Twist** by Charles Dickens

