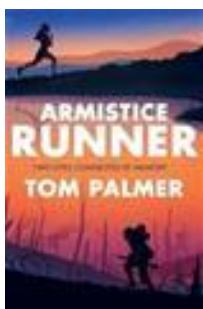


## Year 7 Recommended Reads

Below are some recommendations for Year 7 students. There are a variety of genres so hopefully you will find something that appeals to you. All these titles are available to borrow from the LRC, just click on the image to be taken to the LRC catalogue where you can reserve a copy. Where there are ebook and audio book versions available links to those have also been provided. If you have any questions, please contact us at [lrc@marlborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lrc@marlborough.herts.sch.uk)

### Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

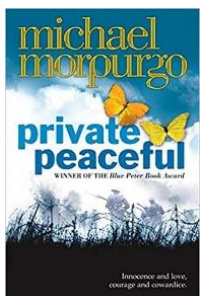


This is our Big Read for 2021.

Lily is losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran?

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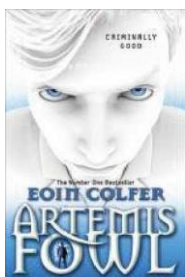
### Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo



Private Peaceful captures the memories of a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn. From his early childhood adventures in rural Devon to the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the Front Line, Private Tommo Peaceful spends these lonely hours re-living his short but vivid past.

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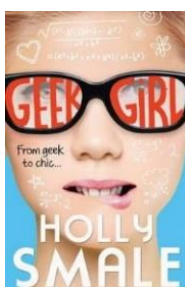
### Artemis Fowl (Artemis Fowl Series) by Eoin Colfer



Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind. But even he doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy - Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These fairies are armed and they are dangerous.

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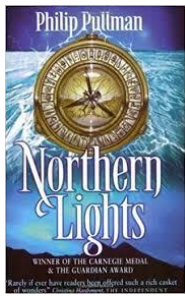
### Geek Girl (Geek Girl Series) by Holly Smale



Harriet Manners knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, a "jiffy" lasts 1/100th of a second, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. She knows that bats always turn left when exiting a cave and that peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite. But she doesn't know why nobody at school seems to like her. So when she's offered the chance to reinvent herself as a top model, she grabs it. Can she transform from geek to chic?

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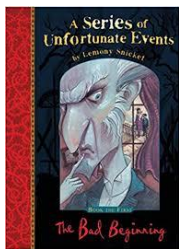
## Northern Lights (His Dark Materials Series) by Philip Pullman



"Without this child, we shall all die." 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.

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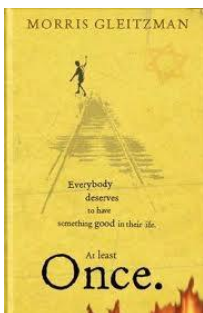
## The Bad Beginning (A Series of Unfortunate Events) by Lemony Snicket



After the suspicious death of their parents Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are placed in the custody of their distant cousin Count Olaf, who begins to abuse them and openly plots to embezzle their inheritance. After the children are removed from his care by their parents' estate executor, Arthur Poe, Olaf begins to doggedly hunt the children down, bringing about the serial slaughter and demise of a multitude of characters.

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## Once (Felix Series) by Morris Gleitzman



The story of Felix, a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.

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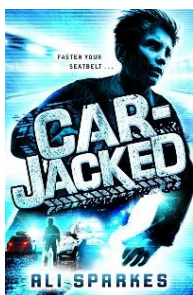
## The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman



When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead. But for Bod there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him - after all, he is the last remaining member of the family.

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## Car-Jacked by Ali Sparkes



Jack Mattingly is a genius. He has an IQ of 170. He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin. And he can calculate the square root of 1,673,549 in his head. But when Jack's parents' car is hijacked, with him inside it, for once he's as clueless as the rest of us. The car-jacker doesn't know Jack's in the car - yet. But it's only a matter of time before he's discovered. And then anything could happen. Only one thing's for sure: Jack's in for the thrill-ride of his life.

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## The Accidental Prime Minister (The Accidental Series) by Tom McLaughlin



When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . . and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start . . . Hats for cats! Pet pigs for all! Banana shaped buses! Swimming pools on trains! A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power!

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## Cirque du Freak (The Saga of Darren Shan) by Darren Shan



Darren and his friend Steve are caught in a deadly trap. Darren must make a bargain with the one person who can save Steve. But that person is not human and only deals in blood...

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## I Have no Secrets by Penny Joelson



Jemma knows who did the murder. She knows because he told her. And she can't tell anyone. Fourteen-year-old Jemma has severe cerebral palsy. Unable to communicate or move, she relies on her family and carer for everything. She has a sharp brain and inquisitive nature and knows all sorts of things about everyone. But when she is confronted with this terrible secret, she is utterly powerless to do anything. Though that might be about to change...

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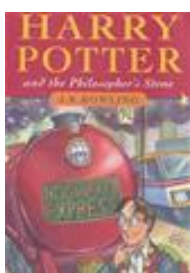
## The House with the Chicken Legs – Sophie Anderson



Marinka dreams of a normal life, but her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. Her grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny but her house has other ideas...

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## Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (Harry Potter Series) by J K Rowling



Harry Potter is an ordinary boy who lives in a cupboard under the stairs at his Aunt Petunia and Uncle Vernon's house, which he thinks is normal for someone like him whose parents have been killed in a 'car crash'. He is bullied by them and his fat, spoilt cousin Dudley, and lives a very unremarkable life with only the odd hiccup (like his hair growing back overnight!) to cause him much to think about. That is until an owl turns up with a letter addressed to Harry and all hell breaks loose!

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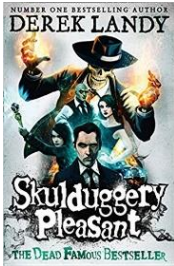
## The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf



There used to be an empty chair at the back of the class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. When the class learn that Ahmet is a refugee, one group of friends come up with a plan to help.

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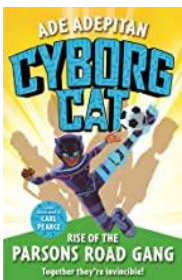
## Skulduggery Pleasant/Sceptre of the Ancients (Skulduggery Pleasant Series) by Derek Landy



Meet the great Skulduggery Pleasant: wise-cracking detective, powerful magician, master of dirty tricks and burglary (in the name of the greater good, of course). Oh yeah. And dead. Then there's his sidekick, Stephanie. She's... well, she's a twelve-year-old girl. With a pair like this on the case, evil had better watch out...

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## The Rise of the Parsons Road Gang (Cyborg Cat Series) by Ade Adepitan



Ade is the new kid on the street, which isn't easy when you look different to everyone else. Then he meets the Parsons Road Gang. They don't cause trouble, they just play football, and they could do with a player with super-cyborg-strength!

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## The Wizards of Once (Wizards of Once Series) by Cressida Cowell



This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.

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## The Spy who Loved School Dinners (Baby Aliens Series) by Pamela Butchart



Izzy and her friends think that Mathilde, the new French girl in their class, could be a spy. When their teacher refuses to believe them, they set about planning a way to expose Mathilde and foil her plans - whatever those plans may be.

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## The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

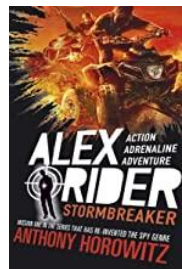


12-year-old Josh and his twin Jordan have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school team. Their father used to be a champion player and they each want nothing more than to follow in his footsteps.

Both on and off the court, there is conflict and hardship which will test Josh's bond with his brother. In this heartfelt novel in verse, the boys find that life doesn't come with a play-book and it's not all about winning.

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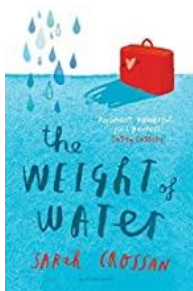
## Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series) by Anthony Horowitz



In the first book in the bestselling Alex Rider series, fourteen-year-old Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6. Armed with secret gadgets, he is sent to investigate Herod Sayle, a man who is offering state-of-the-art Stormbreaker computers to every school in the country. But the teenage spy soon finds himself in mortal danger.

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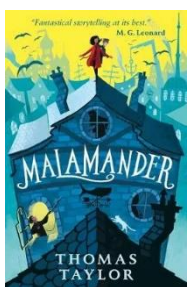
## The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan



Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat.

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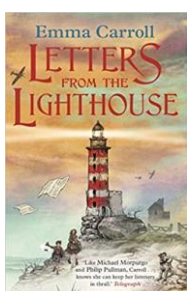
## Malamander by Thomas Taylor



Herbert Lemon, Lost-and-Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, knows that returning lost things to their rightful owners is not easy – especially when the lost thing is not a thing at all, but a girl. No one knows what happened to Violet Parma's parents twelve years ago, and when she engages Herbie to help her find them, the pair discover that their disappearance might have something to do with the legendary sea-monster, the Malamander. Eerie-on-Sea has always been a mysteriously chilling place, where strange stories seem to wash up. And it just got stranger...

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## Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll



February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees.

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