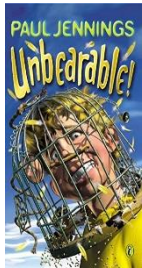


## The St Leonard's Reading Canon: Year 8

We believe that reading a selection of these books will provide pupils with a blend of writing styles, genres, links to British Values and links to the school's virtues. We also believe that it's important that young people have choice in what they read, rather than being told what to read, which is why there are so many books on this list. Over the course of the year, read at least three from the list below and there are huge rewards available! Choose your reads carefully – try to choose books within your ZPD and remember to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz once you've read one.



### Unbearable!, by Paul Jennings

ZPD: 3.2

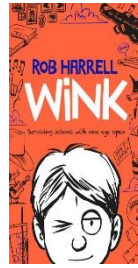
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Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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### Wink, by Rob Harrell

ZPD: 3.9

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 8

Genre: Graphic Novel

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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### Small Steps, by Louis Sachar

ZPD: 4.2

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 7

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Wise

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### Tightrope, by Gillian Cross

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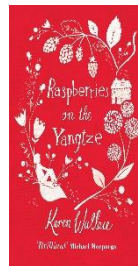
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Genre: Mystery

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Wise

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### Raspberries on the Yangtze, by Karen Wallace

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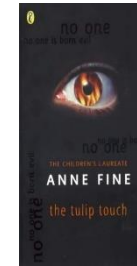
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Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

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### The Tulip Touch, by Anne Fine

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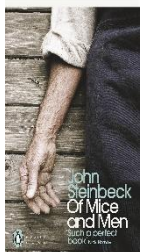
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Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Wise

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### Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck

ZPD: 4.5

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 4

Genre: Historical Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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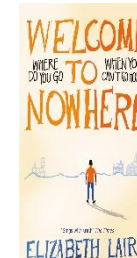
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Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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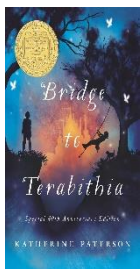
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Genre: War

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**Bridge to Terabithia, by Katherine Paterson**

ZPD: 4.6

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 5

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton**

ZPD: 4.7

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 7

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Rule of Law

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**Madame Doubtfire, by Anne Fine**

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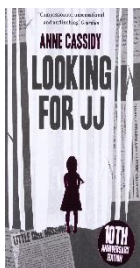
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Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Forgiveness

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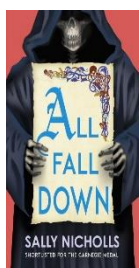
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Genre: Crime

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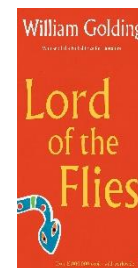
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Genre: Historical Fiction

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School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**Lord of the Flies, by William Golding**

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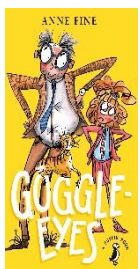
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Genre: Allegory

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Goggle Eyes, by Anne Fine**

ZPD: 5.1

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 6

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Coraline, by Neil Gaiman**

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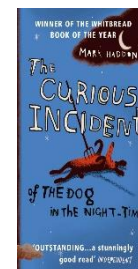
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 5

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, by Mark Haddon**

ZPD: 5.4

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 10

Genre: Mystery

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**A Kestrel for a Knave, by Barry Hines**

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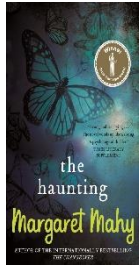
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Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**The Haunting, by Margaret Mahy**

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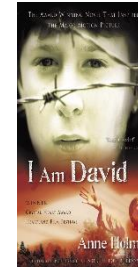
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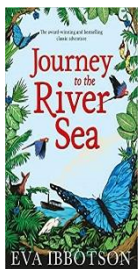
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 8

Genre: Adventure

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School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Journey to the River Sea, by Eva Ibbotson**

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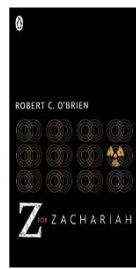
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Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Gratitude

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**Z for Zachariah, by Robert C. O'Brien**

ZPD: 5.6

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 9

Genre: Adventure

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**Chinese Cinderella, by Adeline Yen Mah**

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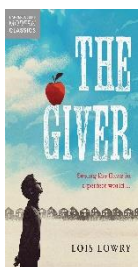
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Genre: Autobiography

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Generous

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**The Giver, by Lois Lowry**

ZPD: 5.7

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 7

Genre: Science Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, by Ransom Riggs**

ZPD: 5.7

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 13

Genre: Historical Fiction

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School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**Shadowmancer, by G.P. Taylor**

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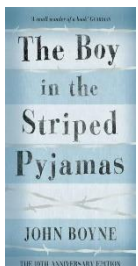
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**The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, by John Boyne**

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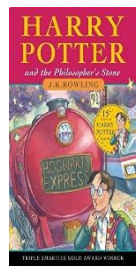
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Genre: Historical Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, by J.K. Rowling**

ZPD: 6.0

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 12

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Coram Boy, by Jamila Gavin**

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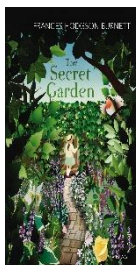
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Genre: Historical Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Gratitude

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**The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

ZPD: 6.3

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 13

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Colour of Magic, by Terry Pratchett**

ZPD: 6.4

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 11

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Lie Tree, by Frances Hardinge**

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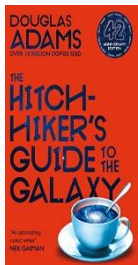
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Genre: Historical Fiction

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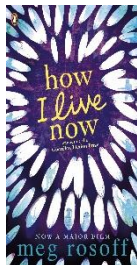
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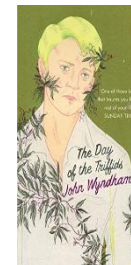
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British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**The Day of the Triffids, by John Wyndham**

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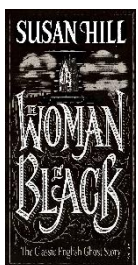
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**The Woman in Black, by Susan Hill**

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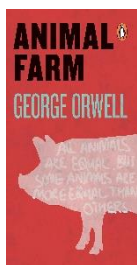
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Genre: Horror

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Animal Farm, by George Orwell**

ZPD: 7.3

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 5

Genre: Allegory

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**The Hound of the Baskervilles, by Arthur Conan Doyle**

ZPD: 8.3

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 11

Genre: Mystery

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson**

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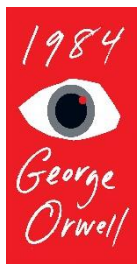
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Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**1984, by George Orwell**

ZPD: 8.9

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 17

Genre: Dystopian Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Wise

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