

## The St Leonard's Reading Canon: Year 9

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.



**Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret, by Judy Blume**

ZPD: 3.6

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 4

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Faith-Filled

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**Boy Proof, by Cecil Castellucci**

ZPD: 3.8

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 5

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**A Song for Ella Grey, by David Almond**

ZPD: 3.8

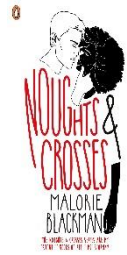
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 5

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Noughts and Crosses, by Malorie Blackman**

ZPD: 4.0

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 14

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**The Skin I'm In, by Sharon G. Flake**

ZPD: 4.1

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 4

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**Noah Can't even, by Simon James Green**

ZPD: 4.4

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 11

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**The Knife of Never Letting Go, by Patrick Ness**

ZPD: 4.4

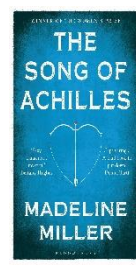
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 16

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Compassionate

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**The Song of Achilles, by Madeline Miller**

ZPD: 4.7

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 14

Genre: Mythology

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Twilight, by Stephenie Meyer**

ZPD: 4.9

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 18

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**The Bone Sparrow, by Zana Fraillon**

ZPD: 4.9

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 8

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Joe All Alone, by Joanna Nadin**

ZPD: 4.9

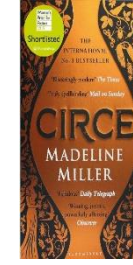
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 6

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Circe, by Madeline Miller**

ZPD: 5.0

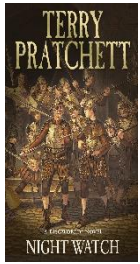
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 19

Genre: Mythology

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Night Watch, by Terry Pratchett**

ZPD: 5.0

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 17

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**The Girl on the Train, by Paula Hawkins**

ZPD: 5.1

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 15

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace, by Patricia C. Wrede**

ZPD: 5.1

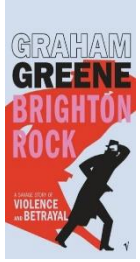
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 5

Genre: Science Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Brighton Rock, by Graham Greene**

ZPD: 5.2

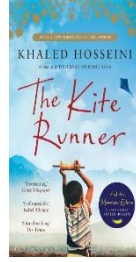
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 14

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Gratitude

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**The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini**

ZPD: 5.2

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 16

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Forgiveness

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**Lionheart Girl, by Yaba Badoe**

ZPD: 5.3

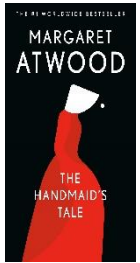
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 10

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood**

ZPD: 5.4

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 14

Genre: Dystopian Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Gratitude

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**When the Sky Falls, by Phil Earle**

ZPD: 5.4

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 11

Genre: Historical Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Generous

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**The Call, by Peadar O'Guilin**

ZPD: 5.5

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 11

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Monsters of Men, by Patrick Ness**

ZPD: 5.6

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 21

Genre: Science Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee**

ZPD: 5.6

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 15

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Maladapted, by Richard Kurti**

ZPD: 5.7

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 9

Genre: Science Fiction

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen**

ZPD: 5.7

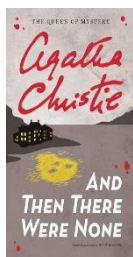
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 7

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**And Then There Were None, by Agatha Christie**

ZPD: 5.7

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 8

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Good Omens, by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett**

ZPD: 5.8

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 17

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**There May Be a Castle, by Piers Torday**

ZPD: 5.8

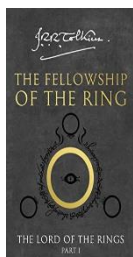
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 9

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Fellowship of the Ring, by J.R.R. Tolkien**

ZPD: 6.1

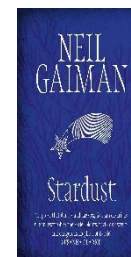
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 29

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Stardust, by Neil Gaiman**

ZPD: 6.2

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 10

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Misery, by Stephen King**

ZPD: 6.2

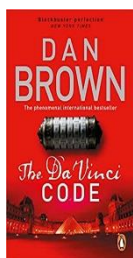
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 18

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Gratitude

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**The Da Vinci Code, by Dan Brown**

ZPD: 6.4

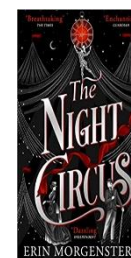
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 23

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Night Circus, by Erin Morgenstern**

ZPD: 6.5

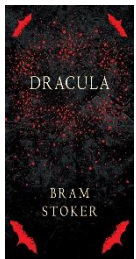
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 20

Genre: Fantasy

British Values Link: Mutual Respect

School Virtues Link: Forgiveness

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**Dracula, by Bram Stoker**

ZPD: 6.6

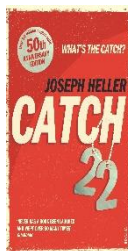
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 25

Genre: Horror

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Catch 22, by Joseph Heller**

ZPD: 7.1

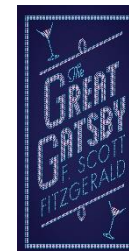
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 30

Genre: Historical Fiction

British Values Link: Democracy

School Virtues Link: Forgiveness

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**The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

ZPD: 7.3

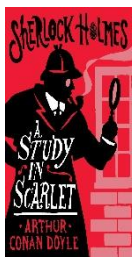
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 8

Genre: Historical Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Forgiveness

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**A Study in Scarlet, by Arthur Conan Doyle**

ZPD: 7.3

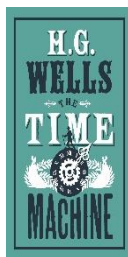
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 7

Genre: Crime

British Values Link: Rule of Law

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**The Time Machine, by H.G. Wells**

ZPD: 7.4

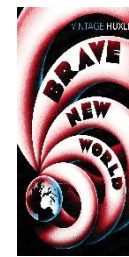
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 6

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Curious

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**Brave New World, by Aldus Huxley**

ZPD: 7.5

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 11

Genre: Dystopian Fiction

British Values Link: Individual Liberty

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**The Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka**

ZPD: 10.5

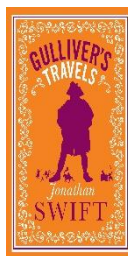
Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 12

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Wise

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**Gulliver's Travels, by Jonathan Swift**

ZPD: 13.5

Accelerated Reader Quiz Points: 25

Genre: Adventure

British Values Link: Tolerance

School Virtues Link: Wise

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