



# Year 9 Academic Book List 2023/2024



Humanities	
Subject	Book
English	<b>I am Malala-Malala Yousafzai</b>
	The remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world - and did. Her journey will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles, and the determination of one person to inspire change. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on 9 October, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause. A must-read for anyone who believes in the power of change.
Spanish	<b>Café Con Lychee by Emery Lee</b>
	Theo Mori and Gabriel Moreno have always been at odds. Their parents own rival businesses-an Asian American cafe and a Puerto Rican bakery-and Gabi's lack of coordination has cost their soccer team too many games to count. Stuck in the closet and scared to pursue his own dreams, Gabi sees his family's shop as his future. Theo and Gabi realize an unfortunate truth-they can only achieve their goals by working together. But can they put aside their differences long enough to save their parents' shops, or will the new feelings between them boil over?
Geography	<b>Some places more than others- Renee Watson</b>
	A heart-warming and inspiring novel about finding deep roots and exploring the past, the present and the places that make us who we are. 'Some of the places I am still getting to know, some of the places I have known all my life. All these places are making me'. All Amara want for her birthday is to visit her father's family in New York City, Harlem. She cannot wait to finally meet her Grandpa Earl and to stay in Brownstone where her father grew up. This will help her understand her family and herself, in a new way.
History	<b>Things a Bright Girl Can Do-Sally Nicholls</b>
	Through rallies and marches, in a polite drawing rooms and freezing prison cells and the poverty stricken slums of the East End, three courageous women join the fight for the vote. Evelyn is seventeen and although she is rich and clever, she may never be allowed to follow her older brother to university. Enraged that she is expected to marry rather than be educated, she joins the Suffragettes and vows to pay the ultimate price for freedom. May is sixteen and already sworn to the cause, when she meets Nell who has grown up in hardship, she see a kindred spirit. Together and in love the two girls start to dream about a world where all kinds of women have their place. The Fight for freedom will challenge Evelyn, May and Nell more than they could have imagined. As war looms, Just how much are they willing to sacrifice?
<b>STEM</b>	
Maths	<b>The number Mysteries- Marcus Du Sautoy</b>
	An interesting read about how we can apply mathematics to everyday situations. In each chapter there is a journey through a big mathematical theme and at the end of the chapter mathematical mystery is revealed. This book has been chosen as it shows how maths is used in the real world and we hope it provides some fun insight for you on the applications of mathematics.
Science	<b>Lightening Mary by Anthea Simmons</b>
	The true story of Mary Sanning a Victorian palaeontologist, who discoveries of the ichthyosaur contributed to changes in scientific thinking about the history of earth. Simmons shows us the challenges of class , poverty and the expectations of women that Mary was subject to, but also her passion, hard work and stubbornness helped her transcend those considerable restriction. This book was chosen as it shows the struggle of women in science.
Computer Science	<b>Slay- Brittney Morris</b>
	A novel that follows a fierce teen game developer as she battles a real life troll intent on ruining the Black Panther inspired video game she created and the safe community it represents for Black gamers. No one knows Kiera is the game developer, not her friends, not her family, not even her boyfriend Malcolm, who believes video games are partially responsible for the "downfall of all the Black man".
Food and Nutrition	<b>The surprising Power of a Good Dumpling by Wai Chim</b>
	Anna Chui has her hands full looking after her siblings and helping at her dads restaurant, whilst her mum stays in bed. Dad's new delivery boy, Rory, is a welcome distraction and even though she knows that things are not right at home, she is starting to feel like she could just be a normal teen.
Design and Technology	<b>An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green</b>
	In New York City at Three am, April May stumbles across a giant sculpture- a ten foot tall transformer wearing a suit of samurai armour. Together with her best friend Andy, she names it 'Carl' and films a quick video for You Tube. The next day, April wake up to a viral sensation.... And a new life.
	<b>Art and Sports</b>
Drama	<b>Hard To Swallow- Mark Wheeler</b>
	The Story of a Young Girl Who Died of Anorexia Nervosa. Catherine Dunbar died in 1984, after a seven-year battle against anorexia nervosa. She was just twenty-two. The play uses the words from Catherine's own diaries. It's powerful and imaginatively theatrical . The tragic story of Catherine, and how her life and those around it was impacted by psychological trauma of the eating disorder.(Trigger warning)
Art	<b>The power of the Pencil -Guy Field</b>
	Lovingly put together by quirky illustrator, Guy Field, this playful and practical book starts with the basics, discussing which pencil you need in your personal drawing toolkit, then goes on to give tips and methods for drawing everything from self portraits to your evening meal!
Music	<b>I was born for This - Alice Oseman</b>
	For Angel Rahimi, life is only about one thing: The Ark – a pop-rock trio of teenage boys who are currently taking the world by storm. Being part of The Ark's fandom has given her everything – her friendships, her dreams, her place in the world. Jimmy Kaga-Ricci owes everything to The Ark too. He's their frontman – and playing in a band is all he's ever dreamed of doing. But that's the problem with dreaming – eventually, inevitably, real life arrives with a wake-up call and when Angel and Jimmy are unexpectedly thrust together, they will discover just how strange and surprising facing up to reality can be.
P.E	<b>Wing Jones -Katherine Webber</b>
	With a grandmother from China and another from Ghana, fifteen-year-old Wing Jones is often caught between worlds. But when tragedy strikes, Wing discovers a talent for running she never knew she had. Wing's speed could bring her family everything it needs. It could keep Wing from the one thing she truly wants.