



Year 7 Academic Book List 2023/24



| Humanities | | |
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| Subject | Book | AR |
| English | The 1000-Year-Old Boy by Ross Welford | Quiz No: 233656 |
| There are stories about people who want to live forever. This is not one of those stories. This is a story about someone who wants to stop... Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy – except he’s 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England and has met William Shakespeare. However, no one believes him. So, when everything Alfie knows and loves is destroyed in a fire, and the modern world comes crashing in, Alfie embarks on a mission to find friendship, acceptance, and a different way to live... | | |
| Spanish | Manolito Four-Eyes (Manolito gafotas) by Elvira Lindo | NO QUIZ |
| “Don’t try to be different,” says Manolito’s mother. But he cannot help it—he does not have to try. Whether he is fighting over the One-and-Only Susana, trying not to fight with Ozzy the Bully, telling his entire life story to the school psychologist, or discovering the true meaning of World Peace, ten-year-old Manolito is a real original. | | |
| Geography | Stitched Up by Steve Cole | Quiz No. 242474 |
| When twelve-year-old Hanh is offered a job as a shop assistant in Hanoi, she sees it as a chance to earn money to send back to her family living in poverty in rural Vietnam. But on her arrival in the city, she soon learns that the job offer was a lie and finds herself working in virtual slavery in an illegal garment factory. Life in this sweatshop is a daily hell of long hours, little rest, poor food, and regular violence. Hanh is desperate to escape, but when an opportunity arises will she be able to find the courage to take a dangerous chance? | | |
| History | Crusade by Elizabeth Laird | Quiz No. 211514 |
| Two boys, two faiths, one unholy war—two boys from opposing worlds come face to face in a thought-provoking historical adventure When Adam’s mother dies unconfessed, he pledges to save her soul with dust from the Holy Land. Employed as a dog-boy for the local knight, Adam grabs the chance to join the Crusade to reclaim Jerusalem. He burns with determination to strike down the infidel enemy. Salim, a merchant’s son, is leading an uneventful life in the port of Acre—until news arrives that a Crusader attack is imminent. To keep Salim safe, his father buys him an apprenticeship with an esteemed traveling doctor. But Salim’s employment leads him to the heart of Sultan Saladin’s camp—and into battle against the barbaric and unholy invaders. | | |
| Beliefs and Values | Fight Back by A. M. Dassu | Quiz No. 243168 |
| An empowering story about finding your identity and the courage to fight for it. Aaliyah has always felt at home where she lives - until a terrorist attack in her area changes everything. As racial tensions increase and she starts getting bullied, Aaliyah decides to begin wearing a hijab to challenge how people in her community see her. | | |
| STEM | | |
| Maths | The Miscalculation of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty | NO QUIZ |
| A lightning strike gave Lucy a superpower of genius-level maths skills... but even a super genius cannot calculate the best path to navigate relationships and life. This novel focuses on Pi, an equation which you will encounter on our maths department’s well celebrated Pi Day! We chose this book as it is an interesting way to learn key Mathematical terms such as Pi; we hope that this book helps you to realise that there is no such difference between Mathematics and Literacy/Reading. | | |
| Science | The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge | Quiz No. 233144 |
| The Drake Equation is a formula which describes how many alien civilizations, which we could communicate with, exist in our Milky Way Galaxy. This book is great for science and maths enthusiasts, especially in anticipation of the ‘Space’ unit in physics. | | |
| Computing | Wonderscape by Jennifer Bell / Tin Boy by Steve Cole | Quiz No. 238625 / Quiz No. 237344 |
| Lost in the year 2473 in the Wonderscape, an epic in-reality adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes to play their way home before time runs out. A good mix of history and virtual reality story with some twists and turns along the way and as we look at coding and games design in more detail a nice chance to escape into the world of Virtual Reality. OR Mining for tin in deep, dangerous trenches is the only life that Tono has ever known. Worked to the brink of exhaustion each day by his unforgiving uncle, Tono’s only escape is when he reads his dad’s old comics. In a world of heroes and superpowers, he can forget the terrifying mining pits. But an underwater avalanche, a glimpse of something bright red in the sandy seabed, and canny sidekick are about to transform Tono’s life for ever ... | | |
| Food and Nutrition | The Great (Food) Bank Heist by Onjali Q. Rauf | Quiz No. 240711 |
| On Thursdays, Nelson, Ashley, and Mum head out to the bank. But not just any old bank - the food bank. With its shining tins and packets of food stacked from floor to ceiling, Nelson thinks it’s the best kind of bank there is. But there’s a thief in town, and the shelves of the food bank are getting emptier each day, leaving people hungrier than ever. For the sake of his family and everyone else’s, Nelson needs to make them stop. But can he and his friends really be the ones to catch the bank robber? | | |
| Design and Technology | Fake by Elle Fountain | Quiz No. 243044 |
| Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare, and leisure. This is Jess’s world. But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the ‘real’ world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is ‘perfect’ after all. | | |
| Arts | | |
| Drama | Charlie and The Chocolate Factory: The New Musical – book by David Greig, music by Marc Shanan and Lyrics by Shaiman and Scott Wittman (Script) | NO QUIZ |
| Charlie and The Chocolate Factory is a new musical based on the 1964 children’s novel of the same name by Roald Dahl. We will be studying Roald Dahl stories this term so it would be great for you to see what a musical script looks like. | | |
| Art and Design | Amazing artists and designers by Georgia Amson Bradshaw | NO QUIZ |
| Curious, provocative, engaging, brave, and funny - women who change the world are diverse, intriguing, and brilliant. Created by an all-women team and filled with wonderful illustrations, and engaging activities that will nurture your own varied skills. | | |
| Music | Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan | Quiz No: 240043 |
| We chose this book as it highlights the difficulties and anxieties young students can go through when joining a high school. This book highlights the religious, race and culture issues that young people face today whilst showing how one young person’s voice and music can make a change to this. It is an essential read for those wanting to build confidence in Music or Performing Arts. | | |
| P.E. | Chasing a Rugby Dream: Kick-off by David Brayley and James Hook | NO QUIZ |
| Jimmy Joseph loves rugby. All he dreams about is one day playing for his country in a World Cup or winning a Test series for the Lions with a last-minute drop-goal. But when he kicks an up-and-under in the schoolyard and accidentally hits the new head of PE, Mr Kane, on the head, he makes a powerful enemy. Jimmy and his best friends – Manu, Scott, and Kitty – try to prove their worth on the rugby field, but to no avail. Mr Kane has it out for them, and he’s being helped by team captain Mike Green, well known as the school bully. Can Jimmy and his friends overcome the tyranny of Mr Kane and help Mike see the error of his ways? Or will the combination of bullying, pressure and dirty tactics derail the friends’ rugby careers before they have even begun? | | |