

# Get reading this summer!

## Reading at home this summer.

Welcome to the St Katherine's Library Resource Centre! We're so keen to show the students all the fantastic books that are here, just waiting to be discovered. Encouraging students to keep reading through the summer break is really important—why not try some of these ideas;

- \* Make sure your child always has a book on the go
- \* Turn off the Wi-Fi & TV for a while each evening
- \* Make sure your child sees you reading as well
- \* Talk about your reading as a family
- \* Enjoy sharing a book together
- \* Remember, reading comes in loads of formats, books, magazines, newspapers, ebooks, audiobooks (remember your local public library offers a free download service [www.librarieswest.org.uk](http://www.librarieswest.org.uk))
- \* Reading shouldn't be a chore—allow your child to read what they would like to, but don't let that stop you from making suggestions
- \* Visit your local library or bookshop
- \* **Take part in the summer reading challenge in your local public library—it's fully online this year!**

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

'Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.'

Ruth Bader-Ginsburg

## Top titles our students have loved this year!

The London Eye Mystery—Dowd  
The Boy at the Back of the Class—Rauf  
Murder Most Unladylike—Stevens  
The Lost Twin—Cleverly  
Wonder—Palacio  
Knife of Never letting Go—Ness  
The Weight of Water—Crossan  
Malamander - Thomas  
Still Water - Priestley



**The Library Resource Centre —a great space for students to use before school and during breaks.**

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- Read, choose & change your library books
- Catch up on homework
- Try a newspaper or magazine
- Use a PC
- Take a look at the changing book displays for inspiration
- Play a board game
- Buy essential stationery
- Ask an expert if you're not sure what to read next, and look out for some great events!

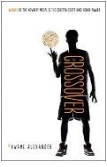


As part of our continuing drive to improve reading standards across the school and create a powerful culture of reading, we use a programme called Accelerated Reader with all our year 7 & 8 students. This personalised scheme challenges students to read books that are suited to their individual reading ability, whilst giving school staff flexible tools to support, manage & monitor this. The ultimate aim is to see reading growth for each and every student, regardless of their individual ability. All the research into the area of young people's reading clearly shows the lasting and lifelong benefits of regularly reading for pleasure, across all subjects, and this scheme really helps us to embed this with our students.



Every day is Drop Everything and Read day at St Katherine's! For 20 minutes every day students and staff enjoy quiet time to get lost in their latest book. You can help your child by reminding them to have their book in their bag every day. Ask them to tell you about their book, and perhaps read some of it together.

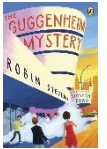
## Why not try some of these top summer reads?



### Kwame Alexander 'The Crossover'

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. A fantastic story told through poetry.

### Robin Stevens 'The Guggenheim Mystery'



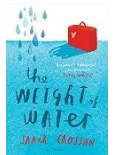
Following on from 'The London Eye Mystery' Ted, Kat and Salim return to solve another bafflingly brilliant puzzle.



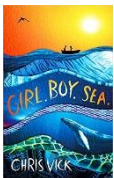
### Jonathan Stroud 'The Screaming Staircase'

Lockwood and Co, a psychic agency fighting an epidemic of ghosts, spend the night in one of England's most haunted houses. Will they make it out alive?

### Sarah Crossan 'The Weight of Water'



A St Kath's favourite! Kasienska and her mother come to England to try to find her missing father. Life at home is tough, and school friends are scarce, but someone special shows her there might be more than one way to stay afloat. Beautifully told through poetry.

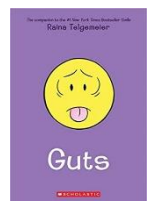


### Chris Vick 'Girl, Boy, Sea'

A British boy narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a huge storm off the coast of Morocco. After days alone at sea in a tiny rowing boat Bill rescues a girl clinging for her life to a barrel. Aya, from the nomadic Berber tribe, was escaping to Europe when her migrant ship was destroyed in the same storm. **Carnegie Award 2020 shortlist**

### Raina Telgemeier 'Guts'

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach, but it soon becomes clear that her tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on? **Graphic novel**



Ultimate Football Heroes series. Biographies of all your favourite players!

### Katherine Rundell 'The Explorer'

Fred's aeroplane crash-lands in the Amazon rainforest. He and three other children try to make their way to safety in this vast untamed space. But someone has been there before them....

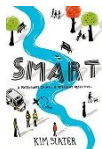


### Simon Mayo 'Itch'

Itch loves science and is an element hunter—sometimes with explosive results. Itch makes a dangerous discovery, and others will stop at nothing to claim it for themselves.

### Tom Palmer 'D-Day Dog'

Jack can't wait for the school trip to the D-Day landing beaches. It's his chance to learn more about the war heroes he has always admired - brave men like his dad, who is a reserve soldier. But when his dad is called up to action and things at home spiral out of control, everything Jack believes about war is thrown into question

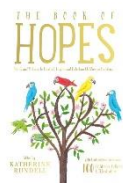
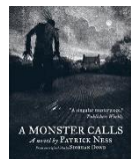


### Kim Slater 'Smart'

Kieran decides to turn detective to solve a mysterious crime, but he's a different kind of detective — good at drawing but not so good at fitting in. It's going to be a challenge, especially when there are dangerous secrets everywhere, even under his own roof.

### Patrick Ness 'A Monster Calls'

The monster comes at midnight, but instead of the one from his nightmares, Conor meets one that's ancient and wild. It's demanding the most dangerous thing of all from him—it wants the truth.



### Katherine Rundell (ed) 'The Book of Hopes'

Created during lockdown with contributions from some of our best loved writers and illustrators to comfort, inspire, and encourage children through storytelling. **Ebook**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>



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