



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
- * Try 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)
- * 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 is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish. —S.I. Hayakawa

Top titles our students have loved this year!

Wonder—Palacio

The London Eye Mystery—Dowd

The Weight of Water—Crossan

Booked—Alexander

Smart—Slater

Still Water—Priestley

The Goldfish Boy—Thompson

Murder Most Unladylike—Stevens

Ultimate Football Heroes—Oldfield



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

Read, choose & change your library book

Catch up on homework

Try a newspaper or magazine

Use a PC

Take a look at the always 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 Katharine's! For 15 minutes every morning 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.

Why not try one of these top summer reads?



Dave Rudden 'Knights of the Borrowed Dark'

Denizen Hardwick doesn't believe in magic—until he's ambushed by a monster created from shadows. Between us and the shadows stand the Knights of the Borrowed Dark. Unfortunately for Denizen, he's one of them...

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! Kasienka 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 in poetry.



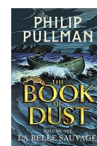
Jennifer Bell 'Wonderscape'

When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion on their way to school, they find themselves trapped aboard *The Principia* – a scientific research ship sailing through hazardous waters, captained by one Isaac Newton.

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.

Philip Pullman 'The Book of Dust'

Described as an 'equal' to the His Dark Materials trilogy we meet a young Malcolm Polstead, drawn into the world of Lord Asriel and the Magisterum when the baby Lyra is in terrible danger.



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....

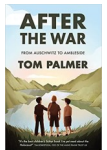


Simon Mayo 'Itch'

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 'After the War'

Summer 1945. 3 children arrive in the Lake District having survived the horrors of a concentration camp. Can they begin to recover in a place of safety and peace?

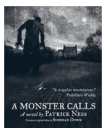


Kim Slater 'Smart'

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.



Matt & Tom Oldfield Ultimate Football Heroes series

Full of facts about your favourite players!

