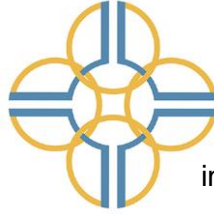


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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Recommended reading list for new Year 8 students

As we prepare to welcome your child into Year 8 at Parkhall Integrated College, we are excited to support their transition from Primary 7. One of the most effective ways to ensure a smooth transition and foster a love for learning is through reading.

At Parkhall Integrated College, we believe that reading not only enhances literacy skills but also broadens horizons, stimulates imagination, and promotes empathy. It allows students to explore new worlds, understand diverse perspectives, and develop critical thinking skills. We have recently introduced Sparx reader which provides suitable texts and assesses understanding on a continuous basis. Every student will be assigned 1 reading homework each week. Sparx is adaptive and will suggest more challenging texts as reading fluency increases.

To assist you in nurturing your child's reading journey, we have compiled a recommended reading list that caters to various interests and reading levels tailored for Year 8 students. We encourage you to explore these titles together, discussing the stories and characters, and sharing your thoughts. This shared experience can significantly enhance your child's understanding and enjoyment of reading.

Tips for supporting your child's reading journey

- *Set aside reading time:* establish a regular time each day for reading, creating a routine that prioritises this important activity.
- *Visit the library:* encourage trips to the local library to discover new books and authors. Libraries often host events and reading challenges that can further engage your child.
- *Discuss what they read:* engage your child in conversations about their reading. Ask questions about the plot, characters, and their opinions on the story. This not only reinforces comprehension but also shows your interest in their learning.
- *Lead by example:* share your own reading experiences and recommendations. When children see adults valuing reading, they are more likely to embrace it themselves.

Should you have any questions or require further support, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we can ensure that your child has a successful and enriching transition to year 8 here at Parkhall Integrated College

Your sincerely

Mr N D Owen
Principal

Our Vision Statement:

To provide an inclusive, caring learning environment where we all feel valued and respected and are empowered to reach our full potential

Recommended reading list for new Year 8 students

Any books written by the following:

- Enid Blyton
- Roald Dahl
- Amy Green
- C.S. Lewis
- Michael Morpurgo
- Louis Sachar
- David Walliams
- Jacqueline Wilson

The following series of books:

- A Series of Unfortunate Events *by Lemony Snicket*
- Once, Now, Then & After (a series of four books) *by Morris Gleitzman*
- The Alex Rider series *by Anthony Horowitz*
- The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series *by Jeff Kinney*
- The Dork Diaries series *by Rachel Renee Russell*
- The Goth Girl series *by Chris Riddell*
- The Harry Potter series *by J. K. Rowling*
- The How To Train Your Dragon series *by Cressida Cowell*
- The Joshua Files series *by M.G. Harri*
- The Maze Runner series *by James Dashner*
- The Middle School series *by James Patterson*
- The Ottoline series *by Chris Riddell*
- The Percy Jackson/Olympians *by Rick Riordan*
- The Skulduggery Pleasant series *by Derek Landy*
- The Tom Gates series *by Liz Pichon*
- The Unladylike Adventures of Kat Stephenson *by Stephanie Burgis*
- The Young Bond series *by Charlie Higson*

The following books:

- A Boy Called Hope *by Lara Williamson*
- A Monster Calls *by Patrick Ness*
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland *by Lewis Carroll*
- Anne of Green Gables *by L. M. Montgomery*
- Artemis Fowl *by Eoin Colfer*
- Coraline *by Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell*
- Flour Babies *by Anne Fine*
- Forbidden Room *by Sarah Wray*
- His Dark Materials *by Philip Pullman*
- Itch *by Simon Mayo*
- Journey to the River Sea *by Eva Ibbotson*
- Millions *by Frank Cottrell Boyce*
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children *by Ransom Riggs*
- Skellig *by David Almond*
- Star Wars: The Thrawn Trilogy *by Timothy Zahn*
- Stig of the Dump *by Clive King*
- The Astounding Broccoli Boy *by Frank Cottrell Boyce*
- The Borrowers *by Mary Norton*
- The Hobbit *by J. R. R. Tolkien*
- The Parent Agency *by David Baddiel*
- The Person Contoller *by David Baddiel*
- The Railway Children *by E. Nesbit*
- The Sheep-Pig *by Dick King-Smith*
- Wonder *by R J Palacio*