

Register and Read

The Rationale

Reading for pleasure is cited as bringing several academic and emotional wellbeing advantages. Reading for teenagers naturally decreases; an avid reader at primary school often becomes a non reader in their teenage years. As a result, the language acquisition and development of comprehension skill associated with reading declines. Furthermore, struggling readers can stop accessing whole books altogether, only every reading extracts, snippets and abridged versions of literature. In promoting a reading for pleasure curriculum, we hope to: increase vocabulary acquisition; model fluent reading; develop comprehension skills and promote oracy through discussion questions. The R&R curriculum also serves to punctuate the school day with a comma, a pause; after the excitement of informal lunchtime activity aiding a smooth transition from social time to learning time.

The research

[Faster Read Project : Research projects : Centre for International Education \(sussex.ac.uk\)](https://www.sussex.ac.uk/centre-for-international-education/research-projects/faster-read-project)

[Simple View of Reading 2021-11-15-083742 dwzx.pdf \(d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net\)](https://www.d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/Simple_View_of_Reading_2021-11-15-083742_dwzx.pdf)

[reading for pleasure.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/61444/reading_for_pleasure.pdf) (pages 9 -12)

The Canon

From Years 7 to 11, students have potential to read 18 books and this is then complemented with the non-fiction articles in year 11.

Year 7 – You are Awesome, Thieves of Ostia, Witches of Pendle, Lightning Mary, You are a Champion, The House With the Chicken Legs, Greenwild.

Year 8 – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, The Northern Lights, When I see Blue. The Ripper of Whitechapel, The Wheel of Surya, The Sun and the Star.

Year 9 – Noughts and Crosses, Shadow and Bone, Young Blood, Medusa, Keeper, the Magpie

Year 10 – One of Us is Lying, Scythe, The Inheritance Games, The Borden Murders, Lionheart Girl, Divergent.

Year 11 – The Tattooist of Auschwitz, non fiction articles.

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This book has been described as 'every Harry Potter fan's new obsession', which works well for us at GAA!

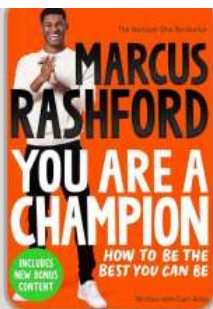
Daisy Thistledown has escaped from boarding school and has a mystery to solve. Her search for her missing mother will lead her across London and through a hidden doorway to another world, filled with plants and bursting with magic: the Greenwild.

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This book is about the life of Mary Anning. 'I love fiction books about people in history, this one was so good' - Y7 student

Mary faces danger to bring back valuable treasures to help feed her family. But tragedy and despair is never far away. Mary must depend upon her unique courage and knowledge to fulfil her dream of becoming a scientist in a time when girls have no opportunities for such ambitions. What will happen when she makes her greatest discovery of all...?



'I'm a big Manchester United fan and Rashford is my favourite player. This book looks like You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed.' - Y8 student

Marcus Rashford MBE is famous worldwide for his skills both on and off the pitch - but before he was a Manchester United and England footballer, and long before he started his inspiring campaign to end child food poverty, he was an ordinary kid from Wythenshawe, Manchester. Now the nation's favourite footballer wants to show YOU how to achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.



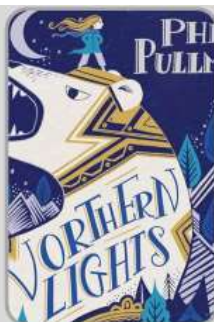
'I read this because the cover looked interesting and I like books about witches. It was a really interesting story.' - Y8 student

Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...



'Horror is my favourite genre, so I'm really glad we'll be reading this one!' - Y7 student

When a new family moves into a house in Pendle, they discover a witch's bottle filled with curses. Soon the spirits of those accused of witchcraft in the infamous Pendle Witch Trials of 1612 are released, wreaking havoc in the area. Eve, Clovis and Tom are enlisted to investigate in their latest and most challenging mission yet. Together with their mentor, Professor Rufus, they must go up against the ghosts of the Pendle witches.



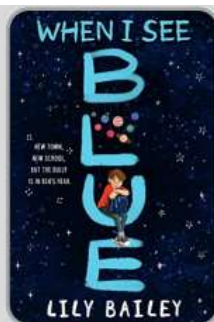
This is a classic and much loved by staff and students alike.

"Without this child, we shall all die."

Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford.

The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.

Her extraordinary journey will have immeasurable consequences far beyond her own world...



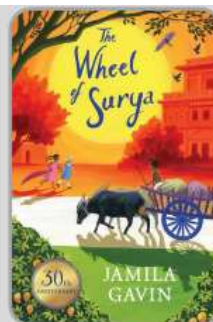
Our students love to see themselves represented in books and will be able to identify well with Ben.

Sometimes Ben's brain makes him count to 4 to prevent bad things happening. Sometimes it makes him tap or blink in 4s. Mostly it makes the smallest things feel impossible. With a new school, a moody big brother, an absent dad and a mum battling her own demons, Ben feels more out of control than ever. But then he meets April, and with his new friend, Ben might figure out how to stand up to the bully in his brain, once and for all.



'This book was so scary! It was my favourite horror book from the library and Eve is a really good character.' - Y7 student

When the ghosts of two children start to haunt a local school, trainee ghost hunters Eve, Clovis and Tom are invited to investigate the case. But before long they realise there is more to this haunting than they realised. Could it be that the ghost children are victims of Jack the Ripper? And is the evil Ripper of Whitechapel about to unleash a new campaign of terror from beyond the grave?



This book has been read and enjoyed by GAA students in the library and shows the importance of acceptance.

India, August 1947: Fleeing from their burnt-out village as civil war rages in the Punjab, Marvinder and Jaspal are separated from their mother, Jhoti. Marvinder has already saved her brother's life once, but now they both face a daily fight for survival.

Together they escape across India and nearly halfway around the world to England, to find a father they hardly know in a new, hostile culture...



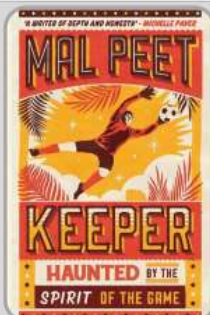
I love Percy Jackson and have read all the books in the library. I can't wait to read a new Rick Riordan story! - Y8 student

Nico di Angelo is familiar with the realms of death, being the son of Hades. So when a desperate voice starts plaguing his dreams, Nico is convinced it's coming from the Underworld and belongs to a friend - a reformed Titan called Bob. Then an ominous prophecy leaves Nico in no doubt - Bob needs his help and Nico must rescue him. Of course Nico's boyfriend, Will Solace, the son of Apollo insists on joining the quest too.



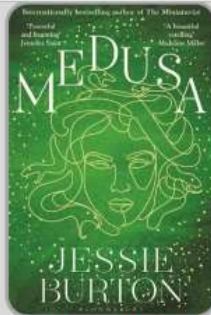
'Shadow and bone is the book that got me into reading' - Y9 student

Soldier. Summoner. Saint. Orphaned and expendable, Alina Starkov is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold - a swath of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters. But when her regiment is attacked, Alina unleashes dormant magic not even she knew she possessed. Now Alina will enter a lavish world of royalty and as she trains with the Grisha, her country's magical military elite - and falls under the spell of their notorious leader, the Darkling.



We have so many football fans at GAA and they'll love this insight into the game.

Mal Peet introduces legendary sports journalist Paul Faustino and the haunting tale of the world's greatest goalkeeper: the man they call El Gato, "the Cat". As Paul interviews El Gato, the World Cup stands between them. In the hours that follow, El Gato tells his incredible story - how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup-winning goalkeeper so good he is almost unbeatable. And the most remarkable part of this story is the man who teaches him: the mysterious Keeper, who haunts a football pitch at the heart of the claustrophobic rainforest...



This Medusa retelling links to our curriculum and has been read and loved by GAA staff and students.

Monster. Man-hater. Murderess. Forget everything you know about Medusa. Exiled after being abused by powerful Gods, Medusa has little company other than snakes that adorn her head. Haunted by the memories of a life before, she has no choice but to make peace with her present. But when the charmed and beautiful Perseus arrives on the island, her lonely existence is blown apart, unleashing desire, love... and betrayal.



It is December 1913 and Detective Constable Frank Bolam has a murder to solve. The victim is found drowned in the River Wear with a vicious knife wound to his lower back. There are no witnesses and no clues. A few months later another body is found with the same vicious knife wound, followed closely by a further two murders with the victims stabbed in a similar manner. This is a clever killer. No clues are found and Bolam cannot find a way to break the deadlock in his most perplexing case.



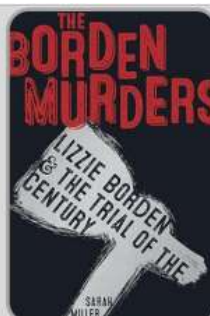
Our students love Twilight so they'll enjoy a new group of vampires. When Kat Finn arrives at Harcote, a prestigious vampire-only boarding school, she's in uncharted territory. After living with humans and struggling to make ends meet, she's suddenly thrust into the alluring world of vampires - and her fortune is about to change. Taylor Sanger is tired of the vampire world's out-of-touch views, especially as an out-and-proud lesbian. She's willing to fly under the radar for two more years at Harcote before she's free, but Kat's arrival changes everything.



'I've seen this everywhere online, me and my friend are excited to read it.' - Y10 student

A BILLION-DOLLAR FORTUNE TO DIE FOR. Avery has a plan: keep her head down, work hard for a better future. Then an eccentric billionaire dies, leaving her almost his entire fortune. And no one knows why.

A DEADLY GAME. Now she must move into the mansion she's inherited. It's filled with secrets and codes, and the old man's surviving relatives - a family hell-bent on discovering why Avery got 'their' money



Crime and mysteries are always popular in the library, so we think the students will love this real life case.

Lizzie Borden took an axe, gave her mother forty whacks. When she saw what she had done, she gave her father forty-one.

In a compelling, linear narrative, Miller takes readers along as she investigates a brutal crime: the August 4, 1892, murders of wealthy and prominent Andrew and Abby Borden.

The accused? Mild-mannered and highly respected Lizzie Borden, daughter of Andrew and stepdaughter of Abby.



Our students like folklore, so they'll enjoy the links to West African culture in this book.

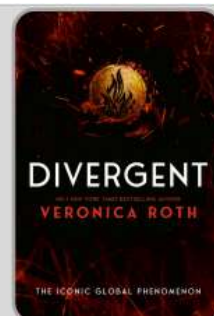
African myth and magic beat in the heart of this fable about witchcraft, superstition, the bonds we choose and those we cannot.

Born into a family of West African witches, Sheba's terrified of her mother who is deadly. But like mother, like daughter - magic runs through her blood and Sheba discovers powers of her own.

Her touch can unravel people's thoughts; their hopes, their fears - their secrets. Sheba too can shape-shift.



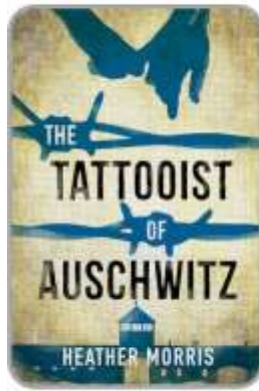
'A true successor to The Hunger Games'. "In a world where disease, war and crime have been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ("gleaned") by professional scythes. Citra and Rowan are teenagers who have been selected to be scythes' apprentices, and they must learn the art of killing and understand the necessity of what they do. Only one of them will be chosen as a scythe's apprentice and as Citra and Rowan come up against a terrifyingly corrupt Scythedom, it becomes clear that the winning apprentice's first task will be to glean the loser.



This has been a dystopian staple since 2011 and has only increased in popularity.

For sixteen-year-old Tris, the world changes in a heartbeat when she is forced to make a terrible choice. Turning her back on her family, Tris ventures out, alone, determined to find out where she truly belongs.

Shocked by the brutality of her new life, Tris can trust no one. And yet she is drawn to a boy who seems to both threaten and protect her. The hardest choices may yet lie ahead....



In 1942, Lale Sokolov arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau. He was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust.

Waiting in line to be tattooed, terrified and shaking, was a young girl. For Lale - a dandy, a jack-the-lad, a bit of a chancer - it was love at first sight. And he was determined not only to survive himself, but to ensure this woman, Gita, did, too.

So begins one of the most life-affirming, courageous, unforgettable and human stories of the Holocaust: the love story of the tattooist of Auschwitz.