



## Year 9 Academic Reading List

Subject	Book
<b>English</b>	<b>Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck</b>
it narrates the experiences of George Milton and Lennie Small, two displaced migrant ranch workers, who move from place to place in California in search of new job opportunities during the Great Depression in the United States. You will study this in Year 9 writing a description of setting so that you are writing like the author Steinbeck.	
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Marina by Carlos Ruiz Zafón</b>
A cult classic in Spain and now an international bestseller, Marina tells the story of fifteen-year-old Oscar, a lonely boy who lives at a boarding school in Barcelona, Spain, in the late 1970's. It has an enchanting Gothic plot which will transport and guide you through the streets of Barcelona – a city masked with intriguing history, romance and love.	
<b>History</b>	<b>Ashes in the Snow by Ruta Sepetys</b>
The story of a Lithuanian family who is deported to Siberia by the Soviets during World War II. It's book about the horrors of war and the atrocities of the Soviet regime, but it's also a book about courage and dignity. An excellent book!	
<b>Geography</b>	<b>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis</b>
"A wicked queen casts a spell over an entire land, sending it into a climactic ice age, forcing animals and plants to adapt or die. Four British children—and a lion—save the day, returning the land to its balmy, happy state. If only real-world climate problems were this simple!"	
<b>PE</b>	<b>Over the Line by Tom Palmer</b>
'It's the proudest moment of Jack's life - his debut as a professional footballer. Now he has a chance to achieve his dream of playing for his country. But it's 1914 and the world is at war. Talk of sportsmen's cowardice leads to the formation of a Footballers' Battalion and Jack has little choice but to join up.	
<b>Maths</b>	<b>The Number Mysteries: A Mathematical Odyssey through Everyday Life - Marcus du Sautoy</b>
An interesting read about how we can apply Mathematics to everyday situations. In each chapter there is a journey through a big mathematical theme, and at the end of the chapter a mathematical "mystery" is revealed. If you enjoy books about puzzles, we recommend Can You Solve My Problems by Alex Bellos, a collection ingenious and perplexing puzzles.	
<b>Science</b>	<b>Lightning Mary – Anthea Simmons</b>
This is a true story of Mary Anning, a Victorian palaeontologist whose discoveries of the ichthyosaur contributed to changes in scientific thinking about the history of the earth. Simmons shows us the challenges of class, poverty and the expectations of women that Mary was subject to, but also how her passion, hard work and stubbornness helped her transcend those considerable restrictions.	
<b>IT</b>	<b>SLAY – Brittney Morris</b>
A novel that follows a fierce teen game developer as she battles a real-life troll intent on ruining the Black Panther–inspired video game she created and the safe community it represents for Black gamers. No one knows Kiera is the game developer, not her friends, her family, not even her boyfriend, Malcolm, who believes video games are partially responsible for the downfall of his community.	
<b>DT Food</b>	<b>The Surprising Power of a Good Dumpling – Wai Chim</b>
Anna Chiu has her hands full looking after her siblings and helping at her dad's restaurant, all while her mum stays in bed. Dad's new delivery boy, Rory, is a welcome distraction and even though she knows that things aren't right at home, she's starting to feel like she could just be a normal teen.	
<b>Art</b>	<b>I Know an Artist: The inspiring connections between the world's greatest artists – Susie Hodge, Sarah Papworth</b>
Susie Hodge exposes the fascinating web of connections that have fostered some of the world's art masterpieces. Some are well-known, whereas others span both time and place, linking pioneers in art in fascinating and unexpected ways.	
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Dramarama by E Lockhart</b>
Two theatre-mad, self-invented fabulous Ohio teenagers. One boy, one girl. One gay, one straight. One black, one white. And SUMMER DRAMA CAMP. It's a season of hormones, gold lame, hissy fits, jazz hands, song and dance, true love, and unitards that will determine their future--and test their friendship.	