

Year 6 – 7 Rugby High School summer reading list

“Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.”

Lemony Snicket



Welcome to the English Department at Rugby High School! We are looking forward to getting to know you in September.

The most important (and enjoyable) thing you can do to help prepare for your learning journey at RHS is to **read, read, read!**

This summer, we challenge you to read something new, something different to what you have read before. We have suggested some titles below that might interest you. Happy reading!

If you like you can get someone to take a picture of you reading a book in an exciting or unusual place: up a tree? In a boat? Hanging upside down? On holiday? In the supermarket?

Happy reading!

The English Department

Classics:

Watership Down by Richard Adams

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Jean Aiken

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

The Box of Delights by John Masfield

Fantasy

The Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet."
— Jhumpa Lahiri

Historical Novels

The Machine Gunners / Blitzcat by Robert Westall

Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge

A Skinful of Shadows by Francis Hardinge

Contemporary issues:

No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton

Wolf by Gillian Cross

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce

The Island at the end of everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Golden Boy by Lisa Thompson



"Books may well be the only true magic."
Alice Hoffman