

## CHHS Academic Reading List: Year 7

*The books on this list have been recommended by departments to complement the curriculum offer in each subject. They're designed to inspire and enthuse, and support you in broadening your reading horizons.*

| Humanities  |   |
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| Subject   | Book  |
| <b>English</b>  | <b>Tyger – SF Said</b>  |
| The award-winning story of Adam, who finds something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger. A brilliant story that explores a troubled future London through powerful illustrations and important ideas.  |   |
| <b>Geography</b>  | <b>Kick – Mitch Johnson</b>   |
| Budi has a simple plan – to be a star. He plans to play for the greatest team on earth but he spends each day stitching football boots in an Asian sweatshop. When he gets into debt to the most dangerous man in Jakarta, his dreams and his life are at risk.<br>If you enjoy this book, we also recommend 'Stitched Up' by Steve Cole.   |   |
| <b>History</b>  | <b>History Empire's End: A Roman Story – Leila Rasheed</b>                |
| This book tells the tale of a young North African girl who sets out on a danger-filled journey to Britain during Roman times. The story helps to develop an understanding of the Roman world as one that was full of many different cultures, religions and ethnicities.  |   |
| <b>Beliefs and Values</b>   | <b>Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer – Jeffrey Boakye</b>                    |
| Kofi is used to stuff going wrong; he's usually in detention or about to be. But when he finds out his best friend Kelvin has a photographic memory, he comes up with a genius money-making scheme. The whole school is obsessed with music, but no one can ever make out the words, so the boys hit the jackpot selling a new fanzine full of song lyrics: PAPER JAM. It's not long before one of the teachers tells Kofi: 'You could be a real leader at this school, you know that?' and . . . suddenly it's turning out to be the best summer ever! |   |
| <b>French</b>   | <b>Touchez-pas au roquefort (Don't touch the cheese!) – Bernard Stone</b> |
| Mysterious, sinister and funny, meet Grasdoube and Inspector Souris as they solve the crime of the stolen cheese. The best way to improve your language skills is to immerse yourself in the language!  |   |
| <b>Spanish</b>  | <b>Manolito gatotas (Manolito Four-Eyes) – Elvira Lindo</b>               |
| "Don't try to be different," says Manolito's mother. But he cannot help it—he does not have to try. Whether he is fighting over the One-and-Only Susana, trying not to fight with Ozzy the Bully, telling his entire life story to the school psychologist, or discovering the true meaning of World Peace, ten-year-old Manolito is a real original.   |   |
| <b>German</b>   | <b>Robin Vom See – Ulrich Fashauer</b>                                    |
| Meet Robin, who lives with his father by the lake, where they also run a holiday camp. The close-knit community includes Robin's classmates Jannik Jansen – a spoilt, overweight, rich boy whose parents own a nearby swanky hotel – and the Witzbitzki twins. When Robin finds a mobile phone containing a disturbing video, he realises Jannik is being cruelly victimised by the Witzbitzki twins. Together with his best friend Nils, he decides to put matters to rights.  |   |
| STEM  |   |
| Subject   | Book  |
| <b>Maths</b>  | <b>The Miscalculation of Lightning Girl – Stacy McAnulty</b>              |
| A lightning strike gives Lucy a superpower of genius-level maths skills...but even a super genius cannot calculate the best path to navigate relationships and life.  |   |
| <b>Biology</b>  | <b>Horrible science: Microscopic Monsters – Nick Arnold</b>               |
| Look down your microscope and dare to discover the terribly teeny world of Microscopic Monsters. Discover what makes our guts a brilliant home for bacteria, how germs make dead bodies explode and which creature lays its eggs between our toes.  |   |
| <b>Chemistry</b>  | <b>Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous experiments</b>                       |
| Inspired by Roald Dahl's classic tale of concocting revenge, explore science in your own kitchen through this practical guide to home experimentation. Just don't try them on your Grandma!   |   |
| <b>Physics</b>  | <b>The Physics of Superheroes – James Kakalios</b>                        |
| Ever wondered if Superman could really leap tall buildings in a single bound? Discover the science behind villains like Electro and Magneto and grasp physics in a super new way. If you would like to read a book which explores physics in fiction, we recommend 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge which explores whether alien civilizations, which we could communicate with, could exist in our Galaxy.   |   |

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| <b>Computing</b>   | <b>I swapped my brother on the internet - Jo Simmons</b> |
| A new website, SiblingSwap.com offers Jonny the perfect chance to swap his obnoxious older brother, however we quickly learn that online special offers are not as they first appear when a series of bizarre alternatives arrive at Jonny's door. If VR is more your game, try 'Wonderscape' where coding goes very wrong. When a group of young people are trapped in 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.  |  |
| <b>Technology</b>  | <b>Eat Well and Feel Great – Tina Lond-Cauld</b>         |
| When it comes to our mental health and wellbeing, we often look on the outside instead of the inside. This book will boost your knowledge of what's going on inside when it comes to keeping healthy and happy. This book helps to make sense of all the important food/diet information everyone should know. It is written in a clear, common-sense style that doesn't lecture or judge but gives you the information you need to make healthy decisions.  |  |
| <b>Arts</b>  |  |
| <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Book</b>  |
| <b>Art and Photography</b>   | <b>Wonder - The Art and Practice of Beatrice Blue</b>    |
| Beatrice Blue is a visual development artist and illustrator who loves to travel and explore the natural world. Her richly coloured and intricately detailed creations are full of whimsy and we invite you to enjoy her magical realm. If you would like to find out more about artistic creators, why not read 'Amazing artists and designers' by Georgia Amson-Bradshaw which shines a light on provocative, engaging and brave female artists, featuring engaging activities that will nurture your own varied skills.                                     |  |
| <b>Drama</b>   | <b>Oh My Gods – Alexandra Sheppard</b>                   |
| Life as a half-mortal teenager should be epic, but for Helen Thomas, it's tragic. She's just moved in with her dorky dad and self-absorbed older siblings - who just happen to be Greek gods, living incognito in London. It's hard not to feel inferior when your older sister is Aphrodite, queen of beauty and massive star of social media. This book will be a useful link to the focus on ancient Greek mythology in Term 3 and will also benefit your English studies. Excellent reading value.   |  |
| <b>Music</b>   | <b>100 Things to know about music – Jerome Martin</b>    |
| What happens to your brain when you listen to music? Could a tune save your life – or even cause you harm? Explore the many ways that music is both enjoyable and useful in this bright, accessible book.  |  |
| <b>PE</b>  | <b>In Waves – AJ Dungo</b>                               |
| Told in alternating chapters, this is a story of the history and heroes of surfing and how sport can be a solace during hard times. Part memoir, part historical narrative, surfer AJ Dungo shares his love for surfing alongside the struggles of his late partner's battle with cancer. Sport is a constant theme throughout, with the activities they share and which bring them together. A moving read, this is a great book to start conversations on how sport and exercise can support mental health and wellbeing, rather than just physical fitness. |  |