

## CHHS Academic Reading List: Year 8

*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	
Subject	Book
<b>English</b>	<b>The Boy at the back of the class - Onjali Rauf</b>
This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria.	
<b>Geography</b>	<b>We Are Displaced - Malala Yousafzai</b>
A collection of stories of displacement from young people who Malala has met on her many journeys. People who have lost their community, relatives and homes, but have not lost hope. A mix of memoir and community storytelling which reminds us that every displaced person has dreams for a better, safer world.	
<b>History</b>	<b>I, Coriander - Sally Gardner</b>
A stunning story set in seventeenth-century London and the fairy world. The story is told by Coriander, daughter of a silk merchant in 1650s London. Her idyllic childhood ends when her mother dies and her father goes away, leaving Coriander with her stepmother, a widow who is in cahoots with a fundamentalist Puritan preacher.	
<b>Beliefs and Values</b>	<b>Sade and Her Shadow Beasts - Rachel Faturoti</b>
Sade loves stories and words and has always enjoyed escaping into the colourful world of her imagination, but the death of her mum introduces a new grief into Sade's life which she has to learn to live with. This is a book about the losses and changes any one of us can experience and, despite the sad subject, the reader is left uplifted.	
<b>French</b>	<b>Titeuf – Zep</b>
A comic story about a cheeky group of mates and their funny French life. Lisez ce livre et vous apprendrez pourquoi "C'est pour ça qu'un meilleur copain, vaut mieux en avoir plusieurs."	
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Marina- Carlos Ruiz Zafón</b>
15-year-old Óscar Draí suddenly vanishes from his boarding school in Barcelona. For seven days and nights no one knows where he is. He meets Marina who takes him to a cemetery where a coach pulled by horses appears. From it descends a woman dressed in black, face shrouded, holding a single rose. She walks over to a gravestone that bears no name, only the mysterious emblem of a black butterfly with open wings. Cuando deciden seguirla, juntos comparten la aventura de adentrarse en un enigma doloroso del pasado de la ciudad. Why not try to challenge yourself and read this in its native Spanish?	
<b>German</b>	<b>Emil und die Detektive – Erich Kastner</b>
When Emil is robbed on his way to Berlin, a gang of boys help him leading to a thrilling adventure full of surprises as they come up with a trick to capture the thief. Ein perfekt erstes Buch für deutsche Lerner!	
STEM	
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<b>Maths</b>	<b>The Number Devil - Hans Magnus Enzensberger</b>
Robert hates his Maths Teacher – he sets boring problems and won't let them use their calculators. Then Robert meets the Number Devil who brings the subject magically to life. Funny, original and a very good read indeed.	
<b>Biology</b>	<b>Immune: a journey into the mysterious system that keeps you alive – P. Dettmer</b>
If you've enjoyed the YouTube channel Kursgesagt, this book is for you. A gorgeously illustrated deep dive into the immune system which will change how you think about your body forever.	
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>What's Chemistry all about? - Alex Frith and Dr. Lisa Gillespie</b>
An approachable source of information for key topics in Chemistry, including the Periodic Table, atomic structure and radiation. Includes comic strips, fact boxes and 'nerdy notes' to keep things fun.	
<b>Physics</b>	<b>Particle Physics Brick by Brick – Ben Still</b>
Subtitled 'atomic and subatomic physics explained ... in Lego', this unusual book explains how our universe is put together using Lego to represent the interactions between atoms and sub-atomic particles.	
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Computational Fairytales - Jeremy Kubica</b>
Have you ever thought that computer science should include more dragons and wizards? Join a quest that will take you from learning the basics of programming in a blacksmith's forge to fighting curses with algorithms.	
<b>Technology</b>	<b>Who Made That?: The Fascinating True Stories Behind the World's Greatest Inventions - Tim Rayborn</b>

From the computer to the coat hanger, the world is simply unimaginable without certain items. Stop taking all that you enjoy for granted, step behind the curtain of boring, everyday existence, and discover a vibrant realm filled with genius and illumination. Who Made That? brings together history's very best tales of innovation, providing endless inspiration to those who seek to launch their own revolution.

### Arts

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<b>Art and Photography</b>	<b>The Art of Heikala: Works and Thoughts - Heikala</b>
Heikala's artwork combines traditional watercolour painting and inks to create characters and scenes that are largely influenced by Finnish and Japanese cultures. She shares her processes and knowledge on social media, gaining a large following.	
<b>Drama</b>	<b>The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas (stage version) - John Boyne (adapted by Angus Jackson)</b>
You might be familiar with the novel by John Boyne, but this stage adaptation explores the tragic friendship between Bruno and Shmuel in a new way. Check in the Library that you are borrowing the right version.	
<b>Music</b>	<b>Big Bangs – Howard Goodall</b>
The dramatic story of five key turning points in a thousand years of Western music; the discoveries which made possible everything from Bach to The Beatles.	
<b>PE</b>	<b>Fall off, get back on, keep going – Claire Balding</b>
Clare Balding shares her insight into what it means to make mistakes and be unafraid of failure. This book explores ten character traits, including resilience, flexibility and motivation, that can help you embrace your mistakes, own them, and move on from them.	