

CHHS Academic Reading List: Year 9

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
English	Boy Everywhere - A.M.Dassu
Share the journey of Sami and his family from privilege to poverty when they are forced to leave their comfortable life in Damascus and end up in prison in Manchester. An especially important story to read before you start the English Poetry Scheme on the experiences of refugees.	
Geography	The Garbage King - Elizabeth Laird
Meet Mamo and Dani, two young boys trying to survive in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Despite themes of neglect, child-trafficking and cruelty, this is an ultimately rewarding book which Laird was inspired to write after living and working in Ethiopia and meeting children who lived on the streets of Addis.	
History	Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys
Based on a true story. When a German ship was sunk in port in early 1945, it had over 9000 civilian refugees, including children on board. This book imagines the story of four of those refugees and the desperate journeys they each took across a war-ravaged land in their attempt to reach freedom.	
Beliefs and Values	Rose Interrupted - Patrice Lawrence.
Being a teenager is hard enough, but it's even harder in a world you've never known ... Eighteen months ago, 17-year-old Rose escaped a strict religious sect with her mum and younger sister. They are still trying to make sense of the world outside - no more rules about clothes and books, films and music, no more technology bans. But also no more friendship with the people they've known all their lives, no community and no certainty.	
French	Le roi des cochons – C. Molina et F. Pillot
Meet the 'King of Pigs' who hates everything to do with health and hygiene. He needs to clean up his act so that he can finally fall in love... mais comment trouver une épouse quand on ne s'est pas lavé depuis trente ans?	
Spanish	Cemetery Boys – Aiden Thomas YA
Explores identity and sexuality in Latin culture. When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs a ritual to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free.	
German	Das fliegende Klassenzimmer - Erich Kästner
The students from the Kirchberg boarding school and the next door secondary school have been enemies for years. Beide Gruppen denken sich die verrücktesten Streiche aus, um die anderen zu ärgern. Als die Realschüler die Diktathefte der Gymnasiasten klauen und dabei auch noch einen Schüler gefangen nehmen, hört der Spaß allerdings auf: Uli, Matthias und ihre Freunde fordern die Realschüler zum alles entscheidenden Kampf auf.	
STEM	
Subject	Book
Maths	Alex's Adventures in Numberland - Alex Bellos
Explore the real-world usage of mathematics – whether that is the surprising geometry of the 50p piece or the strategy of how best to gamble it in a casino. Discover the world's fastest mental calculators in Germany and meet a startlingly numerate chimpanzee in Japan. These stories from 'Numberland' are an unlikely but exhilarating cocktail of history, reportage and mathematical proofs. The world of maths is a much friendlier and more colourful place than you might have imagined.	
Biology	Lightening Mary - Anthea Simmons
One stormy night, a group of villagers are struck by lightning. The only survivor is a baby – Mary Anning. From that moment on, a spark is lit within her. Growing up poor on the windy Dorset coast, Mary follows her father hunting for fossils uncovered by waves and landslips. She faces danger to bring back these valuable treasures, yet the greatest danger of all comes when she makes an important scientific discovery.	
Chemistry	The Disappearing Spoon – Sam Kean
The periodic table is one of our crowning scientific achievements, but it's also a treasure trove of passion, adventure, betrayal and obsession. The fascinating tales in The Disappearing Spoon follow carbon, neon, silicon, gold and every single element on the table as they play out their parts in human history.	
Physics	Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA - Brenda Maddox

<p>Although Rosalind Franklin took the crucial photograph which revealed the DNA and its double-helix structure, her name was not mentioned when Wilkins, Watson and Crick received the Nobel Prize for the discovery of DNA. A crucial reclamation of an important scientist who contributed significantly to discovering the secret of life itself.</p>	
Computing	Video Games: (De:Code) - William Anthony and Kirsty Holmes
<p>Do you know what the difference between a bit and a byte is? Have you ever accepted cookies and not known what they were for? Did you know that phishing has nothing to do with chips? Learn about all of these words and more in this exciting and colourful series while challenging yourself to games and puzzles throughout each book.</p>	
Technology	Cradle to Cradle- Michael Braungart
<p>We are all familiar with the maxim of 'Reduce, reuse, recycle'. This book turns that idea on its head, proposing instead that instead of minimising waste, we should strive to create value, so waste does not exist at all. Redesigning everything from carpets to colleges, explore this book and see technology in action for good.</p>	
Arts	
Subject	Book
Art and Photography	The Night Circus - Erin Morganstern
<p>Playful and imaginative – this descriptive fantasy of a secret, underground world is populated with an exotic and dramatic cast who you will not want to say goodbye to. Read this book and generate incredible pictures in your mind.</p>	
Drama	Noughts and Crosses (Dominic Cooke/RSC Version pub. NHB Modern Plays)
<p>Linking to the theatrical style of naturalism which you will explore in term 2, the stage version of Malorie Blackman's classic Dystopian text is still set in a society divided by racial bigotry and tells the bittersweet love story of Sephy and Callum whose desire to be together eclipses all other loyalties.</p>	
Music	Young Person's Guide to Vocal Health - Olivia Sparkhall
<p>A specialist text recommended by musicians and performers, this book is must for anyone keen to maximise their vocal power.</p>	
PE	Kicking Off! – Eve Ainsworth
<p>It's 1917 and Britain is at war. Shy teenager Hettie wants to help the war effort, and signs up to work in the local Dick, Kerr & Co. munitions factory. For inside this factory are young women who are about to make sporting history. To learn more about how sport can maintain morale in wartime, Over the Line by Tom Palmer explores this theme.</p>	