

July 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

Please find attached a task for the incoming Third Form students to complete over the summer for the English department and the Library.

The students are to read one of the books on the suggested list and then film a Vlog post on their phone that is no longer than two minutes long in the form of a review. During the first few lessons of the year they will be talking about the book that they read and showing their Vlog to the rest of the class. Two of these books have been recommended by the current Third Form as a really interesting and engaging read, and the others have been selected by the English Department and the Library. There are examples of other Vlogs on the task sheet.

In order for this to be shown successfully in class it will need to be shared with Mrs Foden from an online drive e.g. Gdrive by the end of the holidays, who will then distribute and share with the student's English teacher before their first lesson; therefore please send your Vlog to Mrs Foden by 31 August 2018.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing you in September, and hope that you enjoy the summer.

With best wishes



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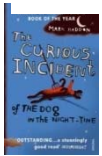
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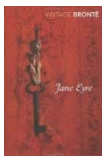
Wonder - R J Palacio

'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.' Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all? **WONDER** is a funny, frank, astonishingly moving debut to read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page.



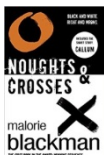
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time- Mark Haddon

is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.



Jane Eyre- Charlotte Bronte

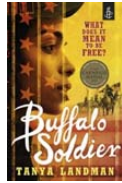
A troubled childhood strengthens Jane Eyre's natural independence and spirit - which prove necessary when she finds a position as governess at Thornfield Hall. But when she finds love with her sardonic employer, Rochester, the discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a choice.



Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman

A world of people, some noughts some crosses, and they aren't allowed to mix. Callum and Sephie are from either side and are determined to be together. Certain people are out to ensure that doesn't happen, whatever it takes.

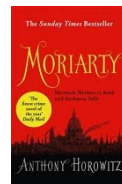
Summer Reading Challenge 2018



Buffalo Soldier – Tanya Landman

Winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2015.

"What kind of a girl steals the clothes from a dead man's back and runs off to join the army? A desperate one. That's who." At the end of the American Civil War, Charley – a young African-American slave from the Deep South – is ostensibly freed. But then her adopted mother is raped and lynched at the hands of a mob and Charley is left alone. In a terrifyingly lawless land, where the colour of a person's skin can bring violent death, Charley disguises herself as a man and joins the army. Soon she's being sent to the prairies to fight a whole new war against the "savage Indians". Trapped in a world of injustice and inequality, it's only when Charley is posted to Apache territory that she begins to learn what it is to be truly free.



Moriarty – Anthony Horowitz

Sherlock Holmes is dead.

Days after Holmes and his arch-enemy Moriarty fall to their doom at the Reichenbach Falls, Pinkerton agent Frederick Chase arrives from New York. The death of Moriarty has created a poisonous vacuum which has been swiftly filled by a fiendish new criminal mastermind. Ably assisted by Inspector Athelney Jones, a devoted student of Holmes's methods of investigation and deduction, Chase must hunt down this shadowy figure, a man much feared but seldom seen, a man determined to engulf London in a tide of murder and menace. The game is afoot . . .



Frozen in Time Ali Sparkes

1956: Freddy and Polly are used to helping their father with his experiments. So they don't mind being put into cryonic suspension - having their hearts frozen until their father wakes them up again. They know it will only be for an hour or two, so there's nothing to worry about ...Present Day: Ben and Rachel have resigned themselves to a long, boring summer. Then they find a hidden underground vault in the garden containing two frozen figures, a boy and a girl.



Young Bond- Steve Cole

James is on home soil when he receives a package with a message from beyond the grave. The package's mysterious contents put James at the heart of a long-running plot that, if it runs its course, will paint London's streets red with blood. Not only will James have to fight to stay alive and save the country he loves, but to clear the Bond family name, which he holds so dear. The stakes couldn't be higher, and James doesn't know who he can trust.



Holes – Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre (which isn't green and doesn't have a lake) he is not surprised.

Every day he and the other inmates are told to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, reporting anything they find. The evil warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth



The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

HERE IS A SMALL FACT - YOU ARE GOING TO DIE - 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall.



Where the world Ends- Geraldine McCaughrean

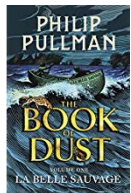
In the summer of 1723, 8 boys and 3 men were marooned on a rocky stack in the middle of the sea at the edge of the Outer Hebrides. This book tells the story of how they survived nine months of deadly storms, madness and starvation with only a few ropes and baskets, and their own fortitude and endurance to save them.

Winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2018



Everything, Everything- Nicola Yoon

Madeline Whittier is allergic to the outside world. So allergic, in fact, that she has never left the house in all of her 17 years. But when Olly moves in next door, and wants to talk to Maddie, tiny holes start to appear in the protective bubble her mother has built around her. Olly writes his IM address on a piece of paper, shows it at her window, and suddenly, a door opens. But does Maddie dare to step outside her comfort zone? 'Everything, Everything' is about the thrill and heartbreak that happens when we break out of our shell to do crazy, sometimes death-defying things for love.



Book of Dust – Philip Pullman

Philip Pullman returns to the world of 'His Dark Materials' with this novel, set ten years before 'Northern Lights' and featuring his much-loved character, Lyra Belacqua. Eleven-year-old Malcolm Polstead and his daemon, Asta, live with his parents at the Trout Inn near Oxford. Across the River Thames (which Malcolm navigates often using his beloved canoe, a boat by the name of La Belle Sauvage) is the Godstow Priory where the nuns live. Malcolm learns they have a guest with them; a baby by the name of Lyra Belacqua



The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins enjoys a quiet and contented life, with no desire to travel far from the comforts of home; then one day the wizard Gandalf and a band of dwarves arrive unexpectedly and enlist his services – as a burglar – on a dangerous expedition to raid the treasure-hoard of Smaug the dragon. Bilbo's life is never to be the same again.



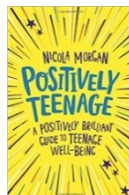
Gone- Michel Grant

In the blink of an eye all the adults disappear in a small town in southern California and no one knows why. Cut off from the outside world, those that are left are trapped, and there's no help on the way. Sam Temple and his friends must do all they can to survive. Chaos rules the streets. Gangs begin to form. Sides are chosen – strong or weak. Cruel or humane. And then there are those who begin to develop powers . . .



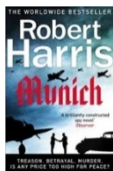
Stolen- Lucy Christopher

Told in a moving letter to her captor, 16-year-old Gemma relives her kidnapping from Bangkok airport while on holiday. Taken by Ty, her troubled young stalker, to the wild and desolate Australian Outback she reflects on a landscape from which there's no escape.



Positively Teenage- Nicola Morgan

'Positively Teenage' gives you tools to approach your teenage years with optimism and understanding and to develop real wellbeing for life. The media so often portray adolescence negatively but this book shows you how to approach these years far more positively so that you can really flourish and be in control. You'll find simple strategies to develop a positive attitude, growth mindset, self-understanding, determination and resilience and you'll see how those strengths will help you cope with any challenges, enjoy life and achieve your potential. Full of practical, proven strategies for physical and mental health,



Munich – Robert Harris

Hugh Legat is one of Chamberlain's private secretaries; Paul von Hartmann a German diplomat and member of the anti-Hitler resistance. Great friends at Oxford before Hitler came to power, they haven't seen one another since they were last in Munich six years earlier. Now, as the future of Europe hangs in the balance, their paths are destined to cross again. When the stakes are this high, who are you willing to betray? Your friends, your family, your country or your conscience?



Skylark- Karen Gregory

When she was little, Joni used to have dreams that she could fly. But these days her feet are firmly on the ground - they have to be when money's tight and her dad can't work and the whole family has to pull together to keep afloat. Then she meets Annabel. Annabel is everything Joni isn't, and yet there's a spark between them. Though Joni barely believes it at first, she thinks they might be falling in love. But when Annabel's parents find out about the

relationship, it's clear they believe there are some differences that are impossible to overcome.



The Extinction Trials –S.M. Wilson

Stormchaser wants to escape her starved, grey life. Lincoln wants to save his dying sister. Their only chance is to join an expedition to deadly country to steal the eggs of vicious dinosaurs. If they succeed, their reward is a new life filled with riches. But in a land full of monsters - both human and reptilian - only the ruthless will survive.

Task:

Pick a book from the following list to read over the summer holidays. Within the first two weeks of term you will be asked to talk about the book (s) that you have chosen with the rest of your class.

Create a video blog about the book you have read:

- film yourself talking about the book as a review
- It must be no more than a minute long and an original piece of work.
- Once you have completed your video blog you will need to create a google drive and share it with the Library and English department
- The best vlog be awarded a prize

What is Vlogging?

Vlogging is book reviews, films reviews or product reviews. Vloggers film themselves examining what they liked or disliked about the book and upload it onto the internet. Vlogging is a great way of developing your persuasive language and digital skills.

Examples of book vlogging:

- **YouTube channels:**
 - Jean Bookishthoughts
 - Emmmabooks
 - jessethereader