

### ROOKS HEATH LITERARY CANON

'Reading for Pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success'. (OECD, 2002)

The following books have been carefully selected by Rooks Heath staff members to complement our students' learning and encourage them to read widely and for pleasure.

**Titles in bold** are available to borrow from the school library.

#### ART

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>, E L Konigsberg</b></li> <li>• <i>Matisse's Garden</i>, Samantha Friedman</li> <li>• <i>Children's Book of Art</i>, DK Publishing</li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Marianne Dreams</i>, Catherine Storr</li> <li>• <b><i>The Girl of Ink and Stars</i>, Kiran Millwood Hargrave</b></li> <li>• <i>The Mona Lisa Vanishes</i>, Nicholas Day</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Cherry Blossoms Book of Poems and Art Inspired by Japan</i>, B Cumberbatch</li> <li>• <b><i>The Art Book Big Ideas Simply Explained</i>, DK Publishing</b></li> <li>• <i>Masterworks Historical Short Fiction Inspired by Works of Art</i>, Stephanie Churchill et al</li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Artcurious: Stories of the Unexpected, Slightly Odd, and Strangely Wonderful in Art History</i>, Jennifer Dasal</b></li> <li>• <i>Art Matters</i>, Neil Gaiman</li> <li>• <i>The Goldfinch</i>, Donna Tartt</li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Secret Lives of Colour</i>, Kassia St Clair</li> <li>• <i>The Story of Art</i>, E H Gombrich</li> <li>• <i>The Story of Art without Men</i>, Katy Hessel</li> </ul>

#### BUSINESS STUDIES

Year Group	Title & Author
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alibaba – The House That Jack Ma Built</i>, Duncan Clarke</li> <li>• <i>Creativity, Inc</i>, Ed Catmull</li> <li>• <i>Be A Young Entrepreneur</i>, Adam Sutherland</li> <li>• <i>Inspiring Entrepreneur Stories: 10 Successes From The World Of Business And Lessons To Help You Succeed</i>, Lars de Veer</li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pour your heart into it, How Starbucks built a company one cup at a time</i>, Eric Conger et al.</li> <li>• <i>Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future</i>, Ashlee Vance</li> <li>• <i>The Everything Store</i>, Brad Stone et al.</li> </ul>

### CLASSICS (LATIN & ANCIENT GREEK)

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Percy Jackson Series</i>, Rick Riordan*</b></li> <li>• <i>Dangerous Days in the Roman Empire</i>, Terry Deary*</li> <li>• <b><i>Oh My Gods</i>, Alexandra Sheppard*</b></li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>24 Hours in Ancient Rome</i>, Philip Matyszak*</li> <li>• <i>Heroes</i>, Stephen Fry*</li> <li>• <i>Naked Statues, Fat Gladiators, and War Elephants</i>, Garrett Ryan</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pompeii</i>, Robert Harris*</li> <li>• <i>Emperor</i>, Conn Iggulden*</li> <li>• <i>Confronting the Classics</i>, Mary Beard</li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Circe</i>, Madeline Miller*</b></li> <li>• <i>Greek Myths</i>, Charlotte Higgins*</li> <li>• <i>A Thousand Ships</i>, Natalie Haynes*</li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Secret History</i>, Donna Tartt*</li> <li>• <i>Rubicon</i>, Tom Holland*</li> <li>• <b><i>The Aeneid</i>, Virgil/David West*</b></li> <li>• <b><i>The Iliad</i>, Homer/Martin Hammond*</b></li> </ul>

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### CHINESE

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>China: Eyewitness Guides</i>, DK Publishing</b></li> <li>• <b><i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>, Grace Lin</b></li> <li>• <b><i>Chinese Cinderella</i>, Adeline Yen Mah</b></li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dragon Mountain</i>, Katie and Kevin Tsang</li> <li>• <i>Bronze and Sunflower</i>, Cao Wenxuan</li> <li>• <i>Why did the Shang write on turtles?</i> Tim Cooke</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Silk Roads</i>, Peter Frankopan</li> <li>• <i>Boxers &amp; Saints</i>, Gene Luen Yang</li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>The Three-Body Problem</i>, Cixin Liu</b></li> <li>• <i>To Live: A Novel</i> Yu Hua</li> <li>• <i>The Story of China</i>, Michael Wood</li> </ul>

### CRIMINOLOGY

Year Group	Title & Author
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Mind of a Murderer</i>, Richard Taylor</li> <li>• <i>In Your Defence</i>, Sarah Langford</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>No Comment, What I wish I knew about becoming a Detective</i>, Jess McDonald</li> <li>• <i>In Two Minds</i>, Sohom Das</li> </ul>
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### DESIGN TECHNOLOGY & FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Engineering for Curious Kids</i>, Chris Oxlade</li> <li>• <i>The Great Chocoplot</i>, Chris Callaghan</li> <li>• <i>Kids Can Bake</i>, Esther Coombs</li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nadiya's Kitchen</i>, Nadiya Hussain</li> <li>• <i>Dessert Person</i>, Claire Saffitz</li> <li>• <i>Geek Girl</i>, Holly Smale et al.</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delia's Complete How to Cook</i>, Delia Smith</li> <li>• <i>The Fashion Book</i>, Phaidon Publishing</li> <li>• <i>Eat Well and Feel Great: The Teenager's Guide to Nutrition and Health</i>, Tina Lond-Caulk</li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Great British Sewing Bee: The Modern Wardrobe</i>, Juliet Uzor</li> <li>• <i>How to Eat</i>, Nigella Lawson</li> <li>• <b><i>Woodwork for You</i>, David Willacy</b></li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Vivienne Westwood</i>, Ian Kelly</li> <li>• <i>The Cookbook Collector</i>, Allegra Goodman</li> </ul>

### ECONOMICS

Year Group	Title & Author
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Boomerang: The Melt Down Tour</i>, Michael Lewis</li> <li>• <i>Keynes: The Return of the Master</i>, Robert Skidelsky</li> <li>• <i>The Economics Book</i> (Big Ideas Simply Explained)</li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Short History of Europe</i>, Simon Jenkins</li> <li>• <i>The Ascent of Money</i>, Niall Ferguson</li> </ul>

### ENGLISH

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Homer's Iliad and Odyssey: Two of the Greatest Stories Ever Told</i>, Gillian Cross</li> <li>• <b><i>War Horse</i>, Michael Morpurgo</b></li> <li>• <b><i>Hamlet: A Shakespeare Story</i>, Andrew Matthews</b></li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Romeo and Juliet (Manga Shakespeare)</i>, Sonia Leong</b></li> <li>• <b><i>Darkside: Nighttrap</i>, Tom Becker</b></li> <li>• <b><i>Noughts and Crosses Series</i>, Malorie Blackman</b></li> <li>• <i>Speak Up!: Speeches by young people to empower and inspire</i>, Adora Svitak and Camila Pinheiro</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>These Are the Words: Fearless Verse to Find Your Voice</i>, Nikita Gill</li> <li>• <i>Lady Macbeth</i>, Susan Fraser King</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Orangeboy, Patrice Lawrence</b></li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Enter the Body</i>, Joy McCullough</li> <li>• <i>The Time Traveller's Guide to Elizabethan England</i>, Ian Mortimer et al.</li> <li>• <b>Wuthering Heights, Emma Bronte</b></li> <li>• <i>Romantic Outlaws: The Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley</i>, Charlotte Gordon</li> <li>• <b>I Wanna be Yours, Zia Ahmed</b></li> <li>• <i>Love in Colour: Mythical Tales from Around the World, Retold</i>, Bolu Babalola</li> <li>• <i>Favour</i>, Ambreen Razia</li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, Simon Armitage</b></li> <li>• <b>Complete Poems, John Keats</b></li> <li>• <i>Collected Poems</i>, Patricia Lockwood</li> <li>• <i>1599: A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare</i>, James Shapiro</li> <li>• <i>Orlando</i>, Virginia Woolf</li> <li>• <i>Parable of the Sower</i>, Octavia Butler</li> </ul>

### GEOGRAPHY

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Running Wild, Michael Morpurgo</b></li> <li>• <b>The Explorer, Katherine Rundell</b></li> <li>• <b>Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah</b></li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Pole, Catherine Charley</b></li> <li>• <i>Trash</i>, Andy Muligan</li> <li>• <b>The Rough Guide to The Earth</b></li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How Population will Transform Our World</i>, Sarah Harper</li> <li>• <i>No One is Too Small to Mak a Difference</i>, Greta Thunberg</li> <li>• <b>A Short History of Nearly Everything, Bill Bryson</b></li> <li>• <b>Notes from a Small Island, Bill Bryson</b></li> <li>• <b>The Carbon Diaries 2015, Saci Lloyd</b></li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How Population will Transform Our World</i>, Sarah Harper</li> <li>• <i>Our Choice</i>, Al Gore</li> <li>• <i>How Bad Are Bananas?: The Carbon Footprint of Everything</i>, Mike Berners-Lee</li> <li>• <i>There Is No Planet B: A Handbook for the Make or Break</i>, Mike Berners-Lee</li> <li>• <i>Climate Wars: The Fight for Survival as The World Overheats</i>, Gwynne Dyer</li> <li>• <i>The Future of Energy: 2020</i>, John Michael Armstrong</li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Why Study Geography?</i> Alan Parkinson</li> <li>• <i>When the Rivers Run Dry</i>, Fred Pearce</li> <li>• <i>Beyond the Map</i>, Alastair Bonnett</li> <li>• <i>The Almighty Dollar</i>, Dharshini David</li> <li>• <i>The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing</i>, Paul Collier</li> <li>• <i>The Cure for Catastrophe: How We Can Stop Manufacturing Natural Disasters</i>, Robert Muir-Wood</li> </ul>

## FRENCH

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>French Short Stories for Beginners</i>, Lingo Mastery</li><li>• <i>The Family Under the Bridge</i>, Natalie Savage Carlson</li><li>• <i>Manhunt</i>, Kate Messner</li></ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Short Stories in French</i>, Olly Richards &amp; Richard Simcott</li><li>• <i>The Little Paris Bookshop</i>, Nina George</li></ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Intermediate French Short Stories</i>, Lingo Mastery</li><li>• <i>France: An Adventure History</i>, Graham Robb</li></ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Intermediate Short Stories in French</i>, Olly Richards</li><li>• <i>French Long Stories</i>, Dylane Moreau</li><li>• <i>The History of Modern France</i>, Jonathan Fenby</li></ul>

## GERMAN

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>Grimms Märchen (Grimm's Fairytales)</i></b>, Jacob Grimm, Wilhelm Grimm</li><li>• <i>Momo</i>, Michael Ende</li><li>• <b><i>Emil and the Detectives</i></b>, Erich Kästner</li></ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>This Is Munich</i>, M Sasek</li><li>• <i>Cloud and Wallfish</i>, Anne Nesbet</li><li>• <i>An Elephant in the Garden</i>, Michael Morpurgo</li></ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Das fliegende Klassenzimmer (The flying Classroom)</i>, Erich Kästner</li><li>• <b><i>The Book Thief</i></b>, Markus Zusak</li><li>• <i>Wallflower: A Novel about Berlin at the Time of the Fall of the Wall</i>, Holly-Jane Rahlens</li></ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Die Physiker (The Physicists)</i>, Friedrich Dürrenmatt</li><li>• <i>The Shortest History of Germany</i>, James Hawes</li><li>• <b><i>Tor! The Story of German Football</i></b>, Uli Hesse</li></ul>

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Year Group	Title & Author
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Doctor Will See You Now</i>, Dr Amir Khan</li><li>• <b><i>Bend it like Beckham</i></b>, Narinder Dhami</li><li>• <i>A Nurse's Story My life in A &amp; E during the Covid Crisis</i>, Louise Curtis</li></ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Health Gap: The Challenge of an Unequal World</i>, Michael Marmot</li><li>• <i>Understanding Health &amp; Social Care</i>, Julia Johnson</li><li>• <i>The Courage to Care</i>, Christie Watson</li></ul>

## HISTORY

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>War Horse, Michael Morpurgo</b></li> <li>• <i>The Long-Lost Secret Diary of the World's Worst Knight</i></li> <li>• <b>Ring of Roses, Mary Hooper</b></li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Witchstruck, Victoria Lamb</i></li> <li>• <i>All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque</i></li> <li>• <b>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, John Boyne</b></li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Book Thief, Markus Zusak</b></li> <li>• <i>A Time of Fear: America in the Era of Red Scares and Cold War, Albert Marrin</i></li> <li>• <i>Stalking Jack the Ripper, Kerri Maniscalco</i></li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz, Heather Morris</i></li> <li>• <b>Fatherland, Robert Harris</b></li> <li>• <i>Spies: The Secret Showdown Between America and Russia Marc Favreau</i></li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>V Was for Victory: Politics and American Culture During World War II, J M Blum</b></li> <li>• <i>Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition, Daniel Okrent</i></li> <li>• <i>Grand Expectations, James T. Patterson</i></li> </ul>

## MATHS

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Murderous Maths, Kjartan Poskitt</b></li> <li>• <b>The Essential Arithmetricks, Kjartan Poskitt</b></li> <li>• <i>Codes: How to Make Them and Break Them, Kjartan Poskitt</i></li> </ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Number Devil, Hans Magnus Enzensberger</i></li> <li>• <b>The Time And Space Of Uncle Albert, Russell Stannard</b></li> <li>• <i>Alex's Adventures in Numberland, Alex Bellos</i></li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How Many Socks Make A Pair? Rob Eastaway</i></li> <li>• <i>The Code Book, Simon Singh</i></li> <li>• <i>The Number Mysteries - 5 Unsolved Maths Problems, Marcus Du Sautoy</i></li> </ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Beautiful Mind, Sylvia Nasar</i></li> <li>• <i>Uncle Petros and Goldbach's Conjecture, Apostolos Doxiadis</i></li> <li>• <b>Murderous Maths, Kjartan Poskitt</b></li> </ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Story of Mathematics, Anne Rooney</i></li> <li>• <i>The Man Who Counted – A Collection of Mathematical Adventures, Malba Tahan, Leslie Clark et al.</i></li> <li>• <i>Does God Play Dice?: The New Mathematics of Chaos, Ian Stewart</i></li> </ul>

## PSYCHOLOGY

Year Group	Title & Author
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Lucifer Effect</i>, Philip Zimbardo</li><li>• <i>The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat</i>, Oliver Sacks</li><li>• <i>When Nietzsche Wept</i>, Irvin D. Yalom</li><li>• <i>The Collected Schizophrenias</i>, Esme Weijun Wang</li></ul>

## RS/RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Illustrated Bible: from Creation to Revelation</i>, DK Publishing</li><li>• <b><i>Introducing Islam</i>, Sardar &amp; Malik</b></li><li>• <i>Introducing Hinduism</i>, Lal &amp; Loon</li></ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>The Kingfisher Book of Religions</i>, Trevor Barnes</b></li><li>• <i>Once Upon an Eid</i>, S K Ali et al.</li><li>• <i>Aarti &amp; the Blue Gods</i>, Jasbinder Bilan</li></ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><i>The Religions Book</i>, DK Publishing</b></li><li>• <i>Soul Fuel for Young Explorers</i>, Bear Grylls</li><li>• <i>Philosophy for Beginners</i>, Rachel Firth and Nick Radford</li></ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>A Very Short Introduction to Islam</i>, Malise Ruthven</li><li>• <i>The Puzzle of God</i>, Peter Vardy</li><li>• <i>The Puzzle of Sex</i>, Peter Vardy</li><li>• <i>The Puzzle of Ethics</i>, Peter Vardy</li><li>• <i>Teach Yourself Philosophy of Religion</i>, Mel Thompson</li></ul>

## SCIENCE

Year Group	Title & Author
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Operation Ouch Series</i>, Chris van Tulleken</li><li>• <b><i>Horrible Science Series</i>, Nick Arnold</b></li><li>• <i>Dragon Pearl</i>, Yoon Ha Lee</li></ul>
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Beyond Belief – The Science of the Future</i>, Alex Woolf</li><li>• <i>Science Tales</i>, Darryl Cunningham</li><li>• <b><i>The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson</i>, Devika Jina</b></li></ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World</i>, Rachel Ignotofsky</li><li>• <i>What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions</i>, Randall Munroe</li><li>• <b><i>The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy</i>, Douglas Adams</b></li><li>• </li></ul>
Years 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Unlocking the Universe</i>, Stephen Hawking and Lucy Hawking</li><li>• <b><i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i>, Athur C. Clarke</b></li><li>• <b><i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i>, Bill Bryson</b></li></ul>
Sixth Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Selfish Gene</i>, Richard Dawkins</li><li>• <b><i>The Origin of Species</i>, Charles Darwin</b></li><li>• <i>A Brief History of Time</i>, Stephen Hawking</li></ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Quantum Universe: Everything That Can Happen Does Happen</i>, Brian Cox</li><li>• <i>The Disappearing Spoon...and other true tales from the Periodic Table</i>, Sam Kean</li><li>• <i>Children of Time</i>, Adrian Tchaikovsky</li><li>• <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>, Rebecca Skloot</li></ul> |
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