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Brockhurst & Marlston House Schools

Reading List

KEY

Bold – Scholarship book (challenging)

* - advanced read (not easy)

+ - easy reader

*Many of the titles suggested for **Form 1** and **Form 2** are suitable for the 'conflict' theme in Paper 2 of the Common Entrance English exam at 13+. According to the exam board, 'conflict' could be interpreted in terms of war, bullying, confrontation between two or more characters or, simply, inner conflict within one of the characters.*

Form 1 & 2

Adams D	Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Adamson J	Born Free Living Free
Aiken J	A Necklane of Raindrops The Stolen Lake
Aldiss B	Harm * The Helliconia Trilogy
Alcott L	Little Women
Allen J	Awaiting Developments
Asimov I	I, Robot Foundation series
Asimov I	Space Ranger *
Ballard JG	Empire of the Sun
Bates HE	The Darling Buds of May
Bawden N	Carrie's War
Becker T	Darkside
Bennett A	Talking Heads
Bertagna J	Exodus
Blackman M	Hacker Noughts and Crosses Knife Edge Thief
Bowler T	River Boy
Boyne J	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Bradman, T	Like Father Like Son (short stories)
Breslin T	Whispers in the Graveyard
Brittney L	Nathan Fox

Burgess M	Bloodsong
Buchan J	The Thirty-Nine Steps
Canning V	The Runaways
Carter P	Under Goliath
Chesterton GK	Father Brown series
Coehlo P	The Alchemist
Christopher J	When Tripods Came
Christie A	Murder on the Orient Express
Clarke AC	2001 series * Of Time and Space *
Coburn A	Glint
Colfer E	Artemis Fowl
Collins W	The Moonstone
Cooper S	King of the Shadows
Cormier R	I Am The Cheese *
Cornwell B	Sharpe series
Courtenay B	The Power of One
Crichton M	Jurassic Park
Dahl R	Tales of the Unexpected
Defoe D	Robinson Crusoe
Dickens C	Great Expectations A Christmas Carol
Dickens C	Oliver Twist
Downham J	Before I Die
Doyle AC	Sherlock Holmes series
Doyle AC	The Lost World
Du Maurier D	Jamaica Inn * Rebecca
Dumas A	The Three Musketeers
Dunmore H	A Spell of Winter Talking to the Dead Zennor in Darkness
Faulkner JM	Moonfleet
Fine A	Flour Babies Mrs Doubtfire Tulip Touch
Fleming I	Casino Royale (original) For Your Eyes Only
Forsyth F	The Day of the Jackal The Dogs of War * The Odessa File *
Frank A	The Diary of a Young Girl
Gébler C	August 44
Gibbons A	Shadow of the Minotaur The Edge
Golding W	Lord of the Flies *

Grant M	Gone
Haggard R	King Solomon's Mines
Herbert F	Dune
Herriot J	All Creatures Great and Small It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet
Hightman J	Samurai
Hiaasen H	Hoot
Higson C	The Enemy
Hill S	Blade of Fire
Hobson L	Gentleman's Agreement *
Holm A	I Am David
Hope A	The Prisoner of Zenda *
Horowitz A	Nightrise (Power of Five)
Hosseini K	The Kite Runner *
Hughes T	Tom Brown's Schooldays
Ibbotson E	Journey to the River Sea Song of the Summer
Iggulden C	Wolf of the Plains
Jewel L	The Truth About Melody Browne
Kerr J	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Klass D	You Don't Know Me
Laird E	Crusader Red Sky in the Morning
Lancelyn Green R	The Tale of Troy Tales of the Greek Heroes
Landy D	Skullduggery Pleasant
Le Carré J	The Spy Who Came in from the Cold * Smiley's People *
Le Guin U	A Wizard of Earthsea
Lee H	To Kill a Mockingbird *
Lee L	Cider with Rosie
Lessing D	Through the Tunnel
Lewis C Day	The Otterbury Incident
Lloyd A	Kine
McCall Smith A	Tears of the Giraffe
McGann O	Small-Minded Giants
McKenzie S	Blood Ties Girl Missing
Maclean A	The Guns of Navarone
Magorian M	Goodnight Mister Tom
Marryat Capt	Children of the New Forest
Meyer S	Eclipse (Twilight series)
Morgan N	Fleshmarket
Morpurgo M	Private Peaceful
Nicholson W	The Wind Singer

	Jango (Noble Warriors) Seeker
Nix G	Keys to the Kingdom series Sabriel series
Orwell G	1984 * Animal Farm
Paolini C	Eragon Eldest
Pearson M	Shadow of the Beast
Philbrick WR	The Fire Pony
Picoult J	My Sister's Keeper Nineteen Minutes
Pratchett T	Pyramids Discworld
Preston M	The Butterfly House
Pullman P	Northern Lights
Reid P	The Colditz Story
Reeve P	A Darkling Plain Mortal Engines
Remarque EM	All Quiet on the Western Front
Salinger JD	Catcher in the Rye
Sacher L	Holes
Shan D	Cirque du Freak Demon Thief
Shelley M	Frankenstein
Stapledon O	Star Maker
Steinbeck J	Of Mice and Men * The Grapes of Wrath
Stevenson RL	Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Stevenson RL	Treasure Island
Stoker B	Dracula
Strachan I	Waterlanders
Swindells R	Room 13 Brother in the Land
Tolkien JRR	Lord of the Rings * Histories of Middle Earth series
Tolkien JRR	The Hobbit
Townsend S	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole
Twain M	Adventures of Tom Sawyer Huckleberry Finn The Prince and the Pauper
Vance J	Walkabout
Verne J	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea Around the World in 80 Days Journey to the Centre of the Earth
Voight C	The Homecoming

Wells HG	The Invisible Man The Island of Dr Moreau The Time Machine War of the Worlds
Westall R	The Scarecrows
Weatherly LA	Angels
Williamson H	Tarka the Otter
Wodehouse PG	Jeeves series
Wooding C	Storm Thief
Wyndham J	Day of the Triffids The Kraken Wakes The Midwich Cuckoos The Trouble with Lichen

Form 3

Adams R	Watership Down The Plague Dogs
Aitken J	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Alexander L	Prydain series
Besson Luc	Arthur and the Invisibles
Briggs A	Hero.com
Browne NM	The Spellgrinder's Apprentice
Buckeridge A	Jennings series
Burnett FH	The Secret Garden
Burnford S	The Incredible Journey
Byars B	The Cybil War
Coleman M	The Fighting Pit
Cooper S	The Dark is Rising
Crompton R	William series
Cross G	The Demon Headmaster
Dahl R	Boy Going Solo
Danziger P	Remember Me to Harold
Dickenson P	Longer Letter Later
Delaney J	The Spook's Secret
Durrell G	My Family and other Animals
Fine A	Bill's New Frock
Forrester CS	Hornblower Goes to Sea
Funke C	Dragon Ride
Gallico P	The Small Miracle
Garfield L	Smith

Garner A	Elidor The Owl Service The Weirdstone of Brisingamen
Grahame K	The Wind in the Willows
Higgins FE	The Black Book of Secrets
Hardcastle M	Football series
Horowitz A	Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) Granny The Diamond Brothers Raven's Gate
Jacques B	Redwall series *
Jarvis C	The Deptford Mice Trilogy
Johns Capt W	Biggles series
Lake A J	The Coming of the Dragons
Lawrence C	Roman Mystery series
Lively P	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Lynch C	Who the Man
London J	Call of the Wild
DJ MacHale	Pendragon
Mahy M	The Changeover
Masefield J	The Box of Delights The Midnight Folk
Morpurgo M	Alone on a Wide Wide Sea The War of Jenkins' Ear Born To Run
Nesbit E	The Railway Children
Nimmo J	The Snow Spider
Pearce P	Tom's Midnight Garden
Pearson M	A Slip in Time
Ransome A	Swallows and Amazons
Ryan C	Alpha Force
Ryan C	Flash Flood
Said SF	Varjak Paw
Serraillier I	The Silver Sword
Sewell A	Black Beauty
Steinbeck J	The Red Pony *
Singer N	Feather Boy
Sutcliffe R	Eagle of the Ninth Dragon Slayer
Westall R	Blitzcat The Kingdom by the Sea
White TH	The Once and Future King The Sword in the Stone

Form 4

Baum FL	The Wizard of Oz
Boston LM	Children of Green Knowe
Byars B	The Cartoonist
Carroll L	Alice in Wonderland
Dahl R	Danny, Champion of the World
Dann C	The Animals of Farthing Wood
Gervais R	Flanimals of the Deep
Higson C	Hurricane Gold Silverfin (Young James Bond)
Hoban R	The Mouse and his Child
Hughes T	The Iron Man
Jansson T	Finn Family Moomintroll series
Kastner E	Emil and the Detectives
Kemp G	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler
King C	Stig of the Dump
Lewis CS	Chronicles of Narnia
Lively P	The Whispering Knights
Mark J	Thunder and Lightnings
McNish C	Doomspell
Morpurgo M	Billy the Kid Little Foxes
Naughton B	The Goalkeeper's Revenge
Norton M	The Borrowers
O'Brien E	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
Paver M	Spirit Walker Wolf Brother
Pearson M	Owl Light
Peyton K M	The Boy Who Wasn't There
Price W	Adventure series (<i>Diving Adventure etc</i>)
Smith D	101 Dalmatians
Trease G	Cue for Treason
Treece H	The Viking Saga
Westall R	The Machine Gunners
Wilder LI	The Little House on the Prairie

Form 5

Ahlberg A	The Bear Nobody Wanted The Vanishment of Thomas Tull Woof
Arkle P	The Railway Cat

Ashley B	Seeing Off Uncle Jack
Barrie JM	Peter Pan
Bawden N	The Outside Child
Bevan C	Mightier Than the Sword
Blyton E	The Famous Five series The Secret Seven series Mallory Towers series
Burgess M	An Angel for Mary
Cresswell H	Moondial
Cross G	The Great Elephant Chase
Dahl R	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Matilda
Davies A	Marmalade Hits the Big Time
DiTerlizzi T and Black H	The Spiderwick Chronicles
Fine A	Bill's New Frock Goggle Eyes
Foreman M	War Boy
Freud C	Grimble
Girling B	The Bangers and Chips Explosion
Grahame K	The Reluctant Dragon
Hinton N	The Finders
Hutchins P	The House That Sailed Away
Jones T	Nicobinus
King-Smith D	The Queen's Nose The Sheep Pig Tumbleweed
Kipling R	The Jungle Books Just So Stories
Lingard J	The File on Fraulein Berg
McGough R	The Stowaways
Cliff McNish	Doomspell Trilogy
Morpurgo M	Why the Whales Came
Murphy J	The Worst Witch
Pearce P	A Dog So Small
Streatfield N	Ballet Shoes
Travers PL	Mary Poppins
Uttley A	The Little Red Fox
Wakefield S	Bottersnikes and Gumbles
White EB	Charlotte's Web
Willis T	Mother Christmas

Form 6

Arkle P	The Railway Cat
Blyton E	Amelia Jane series Famous Five series Faraway Tree series Secret Seven series
Bond M	Paddington Bear series
Bradman T	Dilly the Dinosaur
Brandreth G	The Little Girl and the Tiny Doll The Mermaid at No. 13 The Slippers that Talked
Carpenter H	Mr Majeika series
Castor H	Fat Puss and Friends
Coleman M	Busy Gets The Headlines
Crebbin J	Finders Keepers
Cresswell H	Dragon Ride
Cross G	Wolf
Dahl R	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Fantastic Mr Fox George's Marvellous Medicine The Magic Finger The Twits
Doherty B	Willa and Old Miss Annie
Elboz S	House of Rats
Fine A	Bill's New Frock Only a Show
Gibbons A	Shadow of the Minotaur
Hughes S	Here Comes Charlie Moon
Grahame K	The Reluctant Dragon
Grant J	Littlenose series
Hawkins C & J	Grannies
Hayes R	The Smell that Got Away
Jezard A	Albert series
Joy M	Addy the Baddy
King-Smith D	The Hodgeheg
Mark J	Hairs in the Palm of Your Hand
Murphy J	Worst Witch series
Newman M	Burnt Sausages and Custard
Pearson M	Alien Dawn
Peyton K M	The Indian in the Cupboard
Rankin R	The Brentford Trilogy
Rees D	The House that Moved
Rosselson L	Rosa's Singing Grandfather

Ruffell A	Dragon Air Dragon Water
Sheldon A	The Emperor's Pony
Strong J	Indoor Pirates

Form 7

Ahlberg J & A	Burglar Bill Ten in a Bed
Aston C	The Giant's Boots
Ball B	Bella at the Ballet
Baudet S	The Incredible Shrinking Horse +
Burningham J	Mr Grumpy's Outing
Byars B	The Midnight Fox *
Carpenter H	Mr Majeika and the Haunted Hotel *
Cooper S	The Boggart Dawn of Fear Greenwitch
Cresswell H	Dragon Ride The Little Seahorse Posy Bates and the Bag Lady
Dahl R	Esio Trot Fantastic Mr Fox * George's Marvellous Medicine The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me The Magic finger The Twits
Hughes S	The Dogger
Kemp G	George Speaks
Kerr J	Mog the Forgetful Dog
King-Smith D	The Guard Dog Horse Pie The Jenins Noah's Brother
Milne AA	Winnie the Pooh
Murphy J	Five Minutes Peace The Worst Witch
Newman M	Yo-Ho-Ho +
Pearce P	Lion at School
Potter B	Peter Rabbit
Sendak M	Where the Wild Things Are
Thomlinson J	The Otter Who Wanted to Know The Owl Who Was Afraid of the

	Dark
Wilson J	The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch +

The Top 70 Children's Books, according to (and published by) Puffin:

The Best Mischief and Mayhem

- The Twits by Roald Dahl
- Diary Of A Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog by Jeremy Strong
- The Secret Diary Of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend

The Best Weepies

- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- The Truth About Leo by David Yelland
- Two Weeks With The Queen by Morris Gleitzman
- Charlotte's Web by EB White

The Best to Cuddle Up With

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward
- Peepo! by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

The Best Blood and Guts

- The Enemy by Charlie Higson
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Being by Kevin Brooks
- The Hound Of The Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Best Swashbucklers and Derring-Do

- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Captain Flinn And The Pirate Dinosaurs by Giles Andreae and Russell Ayto
- Young Samurai: The Way Of The Warrior by Chris Bradford
- Robin Hood by Roger Lancelyn Green

The Best Heroes

- Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
- Percy Jackson And The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- Young Bond – SilverFin by Charlie Higson
- The Adventures Of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Best Characters

- Charlie And Lola – Excuse Me But That Is My Book by Lauren Child
- Meg And Mog by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski
- Angelina Ballerina by Katharine Holabird and Helen Craig
- Fungus The Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs

The Best Sugar and Spice

- Milly-Molly-Mandy Stories by Joyce Lankester Brisley
- The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
- The Princess And The Pea by Lauren Child and Polly Borland

The Best Friends and Family

- Dizzy by Cathy Cassidy
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Family From One End Street by Eve Garnett
- Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

The Best Phizzwhizzers

- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Charlie And The Chocolate-Factory by Roald Dahl
- Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

The Best Animals

- Spy Dog by Andrew Cope
- The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith
- My Family And Other Animals by Gerald Durrell
- Lionboy by Zizou Corder

The Best War and Conflict

- The Diary Of A Young Girl by Anne Frank
- Once by Morris Gleitzman
- Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
- Carrie's War by Nina Bawden

Just 'The Best'!

- Stig Of The Dump by Clive King
- Anne Of Green Gables by L M Montgomery
- Finn Family Moomintroll by Tove Jansson
- How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff
- Junk by Melvin Burgess

The Best Fantasy and Adventure

- TimeRiders by Alex Scarrow
- Dot Robot by Jason Bradbury
- Journey To The Centre Of The Earth by Jules Verne
- A Wizard Of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin

The Best Weird and Wonderful

- Alice In Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- Five Children and It by E Nesbitt
- The Wizard Of Oz by L Frank Baum
- Peter Pan by JM Barrie

The Best Rhymes and Verse

- Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg
- Michael Rosen's A-Z – The Best Children's Poetry From Agard To Zephaniah
- Talking Turkeys by Benjamin Zephaniah
- Bad Bad Cats by Roger McGough

The Best Alternatives to Twilight

- Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl
- Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead
- The Luxe by Anna Godbersen
- Along For the Ride by Sarah Dessen

Reportedly the most popular books in schools currently (all publishers):

1. **I know you got soul** by Jeremy Clarkson
2. **Boys' Book** by Dominique Enright
3. **Saving the world & other extreme sports** by James Patterson
4. **Nightrise** by Anthony Horowitz
5. **It was a dark and silly night ...** Ed. Art Spiegelman
6. **Why don't penguins' feet freeze? and 114 ...** by Mick O'Hare
7. **101 things to do before you're old** by Richard Horne
8. **Like father, like son?** Ed. Tony Bradman
9. **Flanimals of the deep** by Ricky Gervais
10. **Darkside** by Tom Becker
11. **Black Tattoo** by Sam Enthoven
12. **One Beastly Beast** by Garth Nix
13. **Bloodsong** by Melvin Burgess
14. **Blood beast** by Darren Shan
15. **Day I swapped my dad for two goldfish** by Neil Gaiman
16. **Strange powers of the human mind** by Herbie Brennan
17. **Bloodline** by Kevin Brooks
18. **Chew on this** by Eric Schlosser
19. **Skulduggery Pleasant** by Derek Landy
20. **Devil for sale** by E E Richardson