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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+*

### Form 1 & 2

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| Adams D         | Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy                    |
| Adamson J       | Born Free<br>Living Free                             |
| Aldiss B        | Harm *<br>The Helliconia Trilogy                     |
| Alcott L        | Little Women   |
| <b>Asimov I</b> | <b>I, Robot</b><br><b>Foundation series</b>          |
| 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<br>Noughts and Crosses<br>Knife Edge<br>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                                  |

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| Christopher J       | When Tripods Came   |
| Christie A          | Murder on the Orient Express                                    |
| <b>Clarke AC</b>    | <b>2001 series *</b><br><b>Of Time and Space *</b>              |
| 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   |
| <b>Dickens C</b>    | <b>Great Expectations</b><br>A Christmas Carol                  |
| Dickens C           | Oliver Twist  |
| Downham J           | Before I Die  |
| Doyle AC            | Sherlock Holmes series  |
| Doyle AC            | The Lost World  |
| <b>Du Maurier D</b> | <b>Jamaica Inn *</b><br><b>Rebecca</b>                          |
| Dumas A             | The Three Musketeers  |
| Dunmore H           | A Spell of Winter<br>Talking to the Dead<br>Zennor in Darkness  |
| Faulkner JM         | Moonfleet   |
| Fine A              | Flour Babies<br>Mrs Doubtfire<br>Tulip Touch                    |
| Fleming I           | Casino Royale (original)<br>For Your Eyes Only                  |
| Forsyth F           | The Day of the Jackal<br>The Dogs of War *<br>The Odessa File * |
| Frank A             | The Diary of a Young Girl                                       |
| Gébler C            | August 44   |
| Gibbons A           | Shadow of the Minotaur<br>The Edge                              |
| <b>Golding W</b>    | <b>Lord of the Flies *</b>                                      |
| Grant M             | Gone  |
| Haggard R           | King Solomon's Mines  |
| Herbert F           | Dune  |
| Herriot J           | All Creatures Great and Small<br>It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet   |
| Hightman J          | Samurai   |

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| 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)  |
| <b>Hosseini K</b> | <b>The Kite Runner *</b>   |
| Hughes T          | Tom Brown's Schooldays   |
| Ibbotson E        | Journey to the River Sea<br>Song of the Summer                         |
| Iggulden C        | Wolf of the Plains   |
| Jewel L           | The Truth About Melody Browne  |
| Kerr J            | When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit  |
| Laird E           | Crusader   |
| Lancelyn Green R  | The Tale of Troy<br>Tales of the Greek Heroes                          |
| Landy D           | Skullduggery Pleasant  |
| <b>Le Carré J</b> | <b>The Spy Who Came in from the Cold *</b><br><b>Smiley's People *</b> |
| Le Guin U         | A Wizard of Earthsea   |
| <b>Lee H</b>      | <b>To Kill a Mockingbird *</b>   |
| <b>Lee L</b>      | <b>Cider with Rosie</b>  |
| 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<br>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<br>Jango (Noble Warriors)<br>Seeker                    |
| Nix G             | Keys to the Kingdom series<br>Sabriel series                           |
| Orwell G          | 1984 *<br>Animal Farm  |
| Paolini C         | Eragon<br>Eldest   |

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| Pearson M          | Shadow of the Beast   |
| Philbrick WR       | The Fire Pony   |
| Picoult J          | My Sister's Keeper<br>Nineteen Minutes  |
| Pratchett T        | Pyramids<br>Discworld   |
| Preston M          | The Butterfly House   |
| Pullman P          | Northern Lights   |
| Reid P             | The Colditz Story   |
| Reeve P            | A Darkling Plain<br>Mortal Engines  |
| Remarque EM        | All Quiet on the Western Front  |
| Salinger JD        | Catcher in the Rye  |
| Sacher L           | Holes   |
| Shan D             | Cirque du Freak<br>Demon Thief  |
| Shelley M          | Frankenstein  |
| Stapledon O        | Star Maker  |
| <b>Steinbeck J</b> | <b>Of Mice and Men *</b><br><b>The Grapes of Wrath</b>  |
| Stevenson RL       | Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde   |
| Stevenson RL       | Treasure Island   |
| Stoker B           | Dracula   |
| Strachan I         | Waterlanders  |
| Swindells R        | Room 13<br>Brother in the Land  |
| <b>Tolkien JRR</b> | <b>Lord of the Rings *</b><br><b>Histories of Middle Earth series</b>                             |
| Tolkien JRR        | The Hobbit  |
| Townsend S         | The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole   |
| Twain M            | Adventures of Tom Sawyer<br>Huckleberry Finn<br>The Prince and the Pauper                         |
| Vance J            | Walkabout   |
| Verne J            | 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea<br>Around the World in 80 Days<br>Journey to the Centre of the Earth |
| Voight C           | The Homecoming  |
| Wells HG           | The Invisible Man<br>The Island of Dr Moreau<br>The Time Machine<br>War of the Worlds             |
| Westall R          | The Scarecrows  |
| Weatherly LA       | Angels  |
| Williamson H       | Tarka the Otter   |
| Wodehouse PG       | Jeeves series   |

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| Wooding C | Storm Thief   |
| Wyndham J | Day of the Triffids<br>The Kraken Wakes<br>The Midwich Cuckoos<br>The Trouble with Lichen |

## Form 3

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| Adams R      | Watership Down<br>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<br>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<br>The Owl Service<br>The Weirstone 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)<br>Granny<br>The Diamond Brothers<br>Raven's Gate |

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| 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<br>The Midnight Folk                           |
| Morpurgo M    | Alone on a Wide Wide Sea<br>The War of Jenkins' Ear<br>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<br>Dragon Slayer                                |
| Westall R     | Blitzcat<br>The Kingdom by the Sea                                 |
| White TH      | The Once and Future King<br>The Sword in the Stone                 |

## Form 4

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| 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        |

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| Higson C   | Hurricane Gold<br>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                              |
| Morpurgo M | Billy the Kid<br>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<br>Wolf Brother                       |
| Pearson M  | Owl Light   |
| Peyton K M | The Boy Who Wasn't There                            |
| Price W    | Adventure series<br>( <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

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| Ahlberg A   | The Bear Nobody Wanted<br>The Vanishment of Thomas Tull<br>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<br>The Secret Seven series<br>Mallory Towers series |
| Burgess M   | An Angel for Mary  |
| Cresswell H | Moondial   |
| Cross G     | The Great Elephant Chase   |

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| Dahl R                   | Charlie and the Chocolate Factory<br>Matilda    |
| Davies A                 | Marmalade Hits the Big Time                     |
| DiTerlizzi T and Black H | The Spiderwick Chronicles                       |
| Fine A                   | Bill's New Frock<br>Goggle Eyes                 |
| Freud C                  | Grimble   |
| Girling B                | The Bangers and Chips Explosion                 |
| Grahame K                | The Reluctant Dragon                            |
| Hinton N                 | The Finders                                     |
| Jones T                  | Nicobinus                                       |
| King-Smith D             | The Queen's Nose<br>The Sheep Pig<br>Tumbleweed |
| Kipling R                | The Jungle Books<br>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

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| Blyton E    | Amelia Jane series<br>Famous Five series<br>Faraway Tree series<br>Secret Seven series |
| Bond M      | Paddington Bear series   |
| Brandreth G | The Little Girl and the Tiny Doll<br>The Mermaid at No. 13<br>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  |

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| Dahl R        | Charlie and the Chocolate Factory<br>Fantastic Mr Fox<br>George's Marvellous Medicine<br>The Magic Finger<br>The Twits |
| Fine A        | Bill's New Frock<br>Only a Show  |
| Grahame K     | The Reluctant Dragon   |
| Grant J       | Littlenose series  |
| Hawkins C & J | Grannies   |
| Hayes R       | The Smell that Got Away  |
| Jeard A       | Albert series  |
| Joy M         | Addy the Baddy   |
| King-Smith D  | The Hodgeheg   |
| Murphy J      | Worst Witch series   |
| Newman M      | Burnt Sausages and Custard   |
| Pearson M     | Alien Dawn   |
| Peyton K M    | The Indian in the Cupboard   |
| Rees D        | The House that Moved   |
| Rosselson L   | Rosa's Singing Grandfather   |
| Ruffell A     | Dragon Air<br>Dragon Water   |
| Sheldon A     | The Emperor's Pony   |
| Strong J      | Indoor Pirates   |

## Form 7

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| Ahlberg J & A | Burglar Bill<br>Ten in a Bed   |
| Aitken J      | A Necklace of Raindrops  |
| 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<br>Dawn of Fear<br>Greenwitch  |
| Cresswell H   | Dragon Ride<br>The Little Seahorse<br>Posy Bates and the Bag Lady  |
| Dahl R        | Esio Trot<br>Fantastic Mr Fox *<br>George's Marvellous Medicine<br>The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me<br>The Magic finger<br>The Twits |
| Hughes S      | The Dogger   |
| Kemp G        | George Speaks  |
| Kerr J        | Mog the Forgetful Dog  |
| King-Smith D  | The Guard Dog<br>Horse Pie<br>The Jenins<br>Noah's Brother   |
| Milne AA      | Winnie the Pooh  |
| Murphy J      | Five Minutes Peace<br>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<br>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 publisher):

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