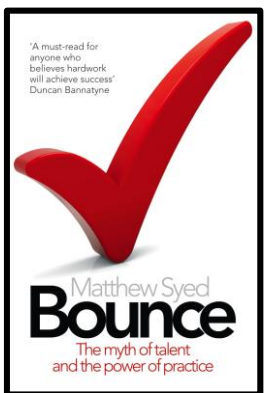
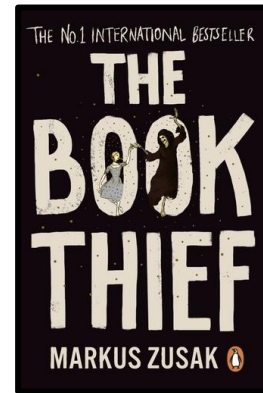
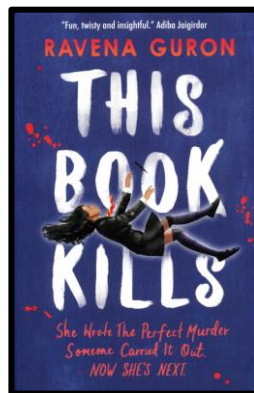
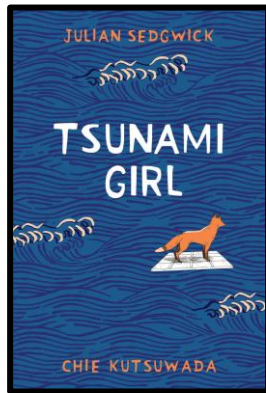
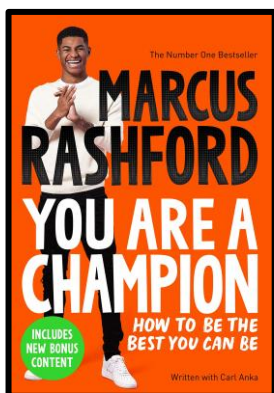
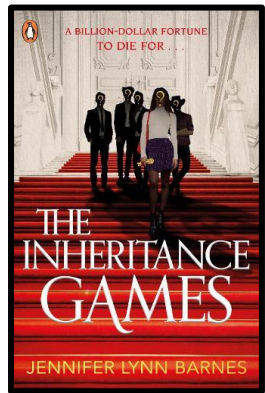
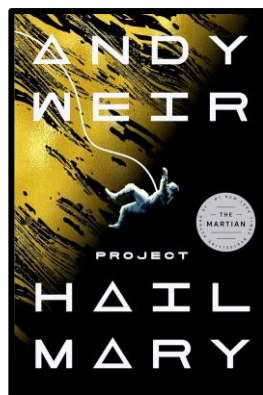
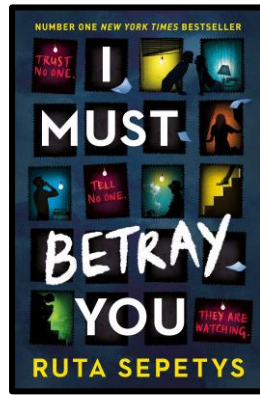
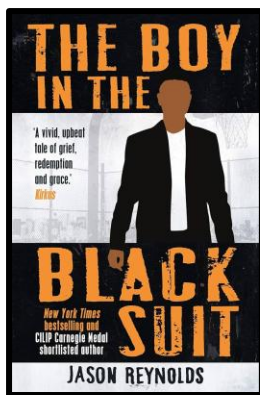
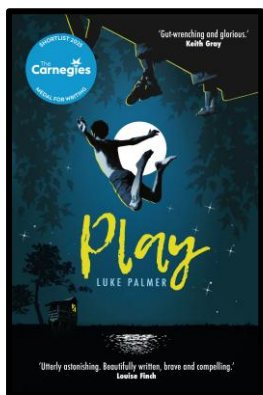
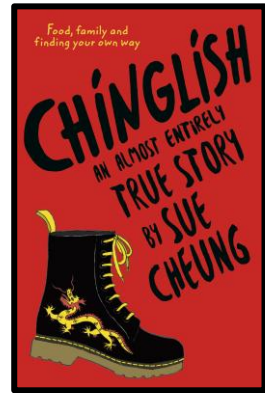
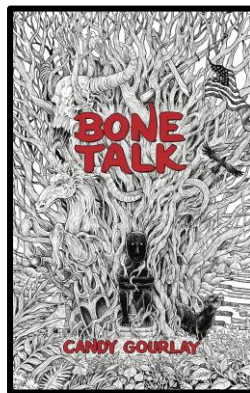
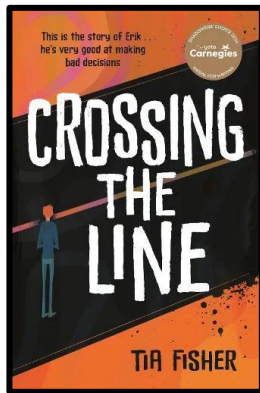
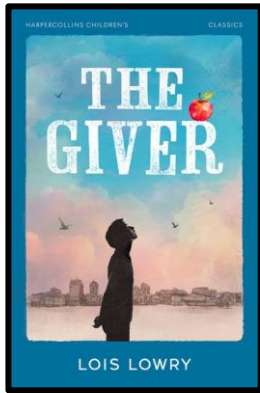


## BWS Reading for Pleasure - Year 9



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### **Action / Adventure**

Bone Talk - Candy Gourlay	Filipino-set adventure 100 years ago
Hatchet - Gary Paulsen	Survival, set in 1980s, coming of age
Touching the Void - Joe Simson	Survival memoir, climbing, non-fiction
Boy Soldier - Andy Mcnav	Thriller, spies
Unraveller - Frances Hardinge	Dark fairy tale, magical mystery
Book of Dust 1 & 2 - Philip Pullman	Fantasy, philosophical fiction

### **Classics / Modern Classics / More challenging reads**

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry - Mildred D Taylor	1930s American South, injustice
Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck	American Fiction, USA
War of the Worlds - HG Wells	Sci-Fi, dystopia
Are you there, God? It's me Margaret - Judy Blume	Coming of age, female voice
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou	Autobiography, coming of age, racism
The Three Musketeers - Alexander Dumas	Historical fiction, adventures

### **Coming of age / Life / Mental Health / Social issues**

Play / Grow / Live - Luke Palmer	Adolescence, social issues, friendship
The Boy in the Black Suit - Jason Reynolds	Positive masculinity, grief, loss
Stand Up Furrn Burke - Steven Camden	Music, family, verse
I Dare You - Tamsin Winter	Tik Tok dares, friendship
Crossing the Line - Tia Fisher	Social issues, grief, county lines, verse
Read Between the Lies - Malcolm Duffy	Dyslexia, family, friends
Wild East - Ashely Hickson-Lovett	Verse, music, poetry
Orange Boy - Patrice Lawrence	Waterstone's YA award
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time - Mark Haddon	Seeing the world in a different way

### **Crime / Mystery / Thriller**

The Colour of the Sun - David Almond	Adolescence, grief, magical realism
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder - Holly Jackson	British Book Award, series
This Book Kills - Ravena Guron	Boarding school drama, SSBA winner
Truly Devious - Maureen Johnson	Series, boarding school

One of Us is Lying - Karen M McManus  
The Island - CL Taylor  
The Inheritance Games- Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
Liccle Bit - Alex Wheatle  
Ace of Spades - Faridah Abike-Iyimide  
Tag, You're Dead - Kathryn Foxfield

YA 'whodunnit'  
6 teens stranded on a tropical island  
YA series – like 'Knives Out'  
Coming of age, gangs, series  
High school drama, social injustice  
Social media, survival

## Dystopia

The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne - Jonathan Stroud  
The Knife of Never Letting Go - Patrick Ness  
How I Live Now - Meg Roscoff  
Outwalkers - Fiona Shaw  
The Giver - Lois Lowry  
Noughts and Crosses - Malorie Blackman  
Maladapted - Richard Kurti  
Gone - Michael Grant  
The Blue Book of Nebo - Manon Steffan Ros  
The Darkest Minds - Alexandra Bracken  
Scythe - Neal Shusterman

Action/adventure, dark humour, sci-fi  
Chaos Walking series (Carnegie)  
Post-apocalyptic nuclear survival  
Gritty thriller in post-Brexit future  
Social commentary, sci-fi  
Alternative history  
Sci-Fi, thriller, survival  
Sci-Fi, horror, thriller, supernatural  
Post-apocalyptic, Wales, coming of age  
Action, adventure, survival  
Death, fantasy

## Historical Fiction

The Last Paper Crane - Kerry Drewery  
Kemosha of the Caribbean - Alex Wheatle  
Where the heart should be - Sarah Crossan  
Tsunami Girl - Juian Sedgwick  
I Must Betray You - Ruta Sepetys  
Wild Song - Candy Gourlay  
The Door of No Return - Kwame Alexander

Aftermath of Hiroshima  
1660s Jamaica, adventure, exploitation, crime  
Irish potato famine, romance, verse  
Japan 2011, survival, grief, trauma  
Romania 1989, psychological thriller, spies  
1904 Philippines, exploitation  
Ghana 1860s, coming of age, verse

## Horror & Ghosts & Gothic

The Lie Tree - Frances Hardinge  
The Woman in Black - Susan Hill  
White Crow - Marcus Sedgwick  
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children  
- Ransom Riggs

Victorian Science 1860s  
Edwardian era, modern classic  
Dark, thriller, multiple perspectives  
Finding belonging

## Humour

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole - Sue Townsend  
Chinglish - Sue Cheung  
We are All Made of Molecules - Susin Nielsen  
Good Omens - Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett

Adolescence, 1980s  
1980s, multicultural, semi-autobiographical  
Blended families, bullying, divorce  
Fantasy, supernatural, end of the world

## **Injustice & Inequality / Inclusivity**

Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah	Autobiographical, historical China 1940s
The Crossing - Manjeet Mann	Hope, grief, refugee crisis, social commentary
Boy Meet Boy - David Levithan	Friendship, romance, LGBTQ+
Proud - Juno Dawson	Poetry, LGBTQ+
Longway Down - Jason Reynolds	Verse, gun crime, grief, revenge, choices

## **Non-fiction**

The Teenage guide to stress / Positively Teenage - Nicola Morgan
Bounce - Mathew Syed
Prisoners of Geography - Tim Marshall
A Short History of Nearly Everything - Bill Bryson
Black and British - David Olusoga
Atomic Habits - James Clear

## **Sci Fi**

Monster - Michael Grant	Dystopia, thriller, series
Unwind - Neil Shusterman	Dystopian series
Ready Player One - Ernest Cline	Gaming, dystopia
They Both Die at the End - Adam Silvera	Dystopia, friendship, romance, inclusive
Lorien Legacies - Pittacus Lore	Survival, identity, dystopia
Thief - Malorie Blackman	Thriller, dystopia, time travel adventure
The Martian / Project Hail Mary - Andy Weir	Adventure, survival, epistolary

## **War & Conflict**

The Book Thief - Frances Zusak	WW2, coming of age, survival
Maus - Art Spiegelman	GN, holocaust, Pulitzer winner
Seven Million Sunflowers - Malcolm Duffy	Ukraine, refugees, trauma
They Called Us the Enemy - George Takei	Graphic novel, WW2, memoir
Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys	1945, 4 perspectives, sinking of Wilhelm Gustloff

DF = dyslexia friendly

GN = graphic novel

NF = non-fiction