



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

Reading List: KS4/5

Action, Mysteries, Horror & Thrillers

Famous Last Words or **Bad Girls Don't Die**—

Alender

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Frozen Charlotte by Alex Bell

S.T.A.G.S. (& sequels) by M.A. Bennett

Bodyguard series; **Bulletcatcher** by Chris Bradford+

The Bunker Diary; Martyn Pig; iBoy - Kevin Brooks

Dead Time (& sequels); **The Bone Room**+ -A Cassidy

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie*

Say Her Name by Juno Dawson

Mortal Chaos or **Lie, Kill, Walk Away** -M Dickinson

A Gathering Light by Jennifer Donnelly*

Zero Day by Jan Gangsei

Every Line of You by Naomi Gibson

The Enemy (& sequels) by Charlie Higson

House of Silk, Moriarty, Magpie Murders-Horowitz+

Silence and Bones by June Hur

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder (& sequels)-Jackson

Sawbones or **Blade & Bone** by Catherine Johnson

The Long Weekend by Savita Kalhan+

Salem's Lot, Carrie or **It** by Stephen King*

Watchers by Dean Koontz*

Splinters of Sunshine by Patrice Lawrence

Bluebeard, Bluebeard by Attica Locke*

We Were Liars or **Genuine Fraud** by E Lockhart

Mina and the Undead by Amy McCaw

Girl, Missing; Here We Lie; Blood Ties by S McKenzie

#Murdertrending by Gretchen McNeil*

One of Us is Lying (& sequels) by

Karen McManus

I am Still

Alive or

Rules for

Vanishing

by K

Marshall

Knife

Edge*; **Blame** by Simon Mayo

The Recruit (Cherub) (& sequels) by R

Muchamore+

Even If We Break by Marieke Nijkamp

Foul Play (& sequels) or **Ghost Stadium** - T

Palmer+

13 Minutes by Sarah Pinborough

We Begin At The End by Chris Whitaker*

The First Day of My Life by Lisa Williamson

Autobiographies/Memoirs/Biographies

I Know Why a Caged Bird Sings by M. Angelou*

A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen*+

Playing the Enemy by John Carlin*

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote*

Hope in a Ballet Shoe: Michaela & Elaine DePrince

Wave: Life After the Tsunami by S. Deraniyagala*

One Dog at a Time (& sequels) by Pen Farthing*

Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

I, Ada by Julia Gray (part-fictionalised, part bio)

Marley & Me by John Grogan*

Mud, Sweat and Tears by Bear Grylls*

Fever Pitch by Nick Hornby*

This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay*

The Story of My Life by Helen Keller*

War Dog (WWII) by Damien Lewis*

The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson

Diary of a Young Naturalist by Dara McAnulty

Today Everything Changes by Andy

McNab*+

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah*

***= written for adults; may contain mature content.**

+= top picks for reluctant readers or readers who prefer visual/less dense texts
Includes some dyslexia-friendly titles; quick-paced reads of longer books.

^ = verse novel

A History of the World in 21 Women-Jenni Murray*
The Greatest: Muhammed Ali by WD Myers+
Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama*
Becoming by Michelle Obama*
You Are a Champion by Marcus Rashford
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi (graphic novel)*+
Touching the Void by Joe Simpson*+
Beautiful Country by Qian Julie Wang*
Educated by Tara Westover*
Night by Elie Wiesel*
Black Boy: A Record of Youth & Childhood-R Wright*
Autobiography of Malcolm X-Malcolm X & A Haley*
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Classics/Canon

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe*
Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Adichie*
Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line - Deepa Anapparo*
The Testaments; The Handmaid's Tale – Atwood*
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett*
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury*
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros*
All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr*
Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle*
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison*
Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo*
Birdsong or **Snow Country** by Sebastian Faulks*
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi*
The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris*
Woman in Black by Susan Hill*
The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini*
Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes*
A More Perfect Union by Tammye Huff*
Brave New World by Alex Huxley*
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro*
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee*
Cider With Rosie by Laurie Lee*
Small Island by Andrea Levi*

The Road by Cormac McCarthy*
Circe or **Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller*
The Bluest Eye or **Beloved** by Toni Morrison*
Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell*
All Quiet on the Western Front by EM Remarque*
The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy*
Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie*
Anita and Me by Meera Syal*
The Color Purple by Alice Walker*
Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead*
Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit – J Winterson*

Complex/Difficult/Thought-provoking Issues

Change is Gonna Come – various BAME authors
Poet X; Clap When You Land; With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo^
7 Days or **Magpie** by Eve Ainsworth
Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda – B Albertalli
Booked; Rebound; Crossover-Kwame Alexander+^
The Hypnotist by Laurence Anholt
Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
Black Flamingo by Dean Atta^
Noughts & Crosses or **Boys Don't Cry** -M Blackman
Tiger Eyes or anything by Judy Blume
Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley
Am I Normal Yet? (Spinster Club series)- H. Bourne
See Through Me; Dumb Chocolate Eyes - K Brooks
Hate List by Jennifer Brown
Junk or **The Hit** by Melvin Burgess
Heart-Shaped Bruise or **Afterlove** y Tanya Byrne
Looking for JJ; No Virgin/No Shame-Anne Cassidy
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by S. Chbosky
Stolen by Lucy Christopher
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Toffee; One; Moonrise by S Crossan+^
Meat Market or **What's the T** by Juno Dawson
A Swift Pure Cry; Solace of the Road -S. Dowd

The Pavee and the Buffer Girl by Siobhan Dowd+

Furious Thing; Before I Die by Jenny Downam

Out of My Mind or **Out of My Heart** by S Draper

Heroic; Being Billy; Saving Daisy by Phil Earle+

Mockingbird; Seeing Red by Kathryn Erskine

The Universe versus Alex Woods by G. Extence

If I Stay; Just One Day by Gayle Forman

The Ones That Disappeared by Zana Fraillion

Full Disclosure of **Off the Record** by Camryn Garrett

Baby Girl by Emma Hill

After the Fire by Will Hill

Looking at the Stars by Lewis Hine

The Outsiders by SE Hinton

And the Stars Were Burning Brightly by D Jawando

That Asian Kid; Girl in Broken Mirror by S Kalhan

That's Not What Happened by Kody Keplinger

I am Thunder; Kick the Moon - Muhammed Khan

Rose, Interrupted, Indigo Donut, Orangeboy or Eight Pieces of Silva by Patrice Lawrence

Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark by Anthony McGowan+

Run, Rebel or **The Crossing** y Manjeet Mann^+

Out of Heart; A Beautiful Lie by Irfan Master

Sister Heart by Sally Morgan^

Slay by Brittney Morris

The Sky is Everywhere or **I'll Give You...** by J Nelson

No Fixed Address; Word Nerd by Susin Nielson

All the Bright Places & Holding Up Universe - Niven

Before I Fall; Vanishing Girls by Lauren Oliver

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens*

My Sister's Keeper; Small Great Things -J Picoult*

Patron Saints of Nothing or **After the Shot Drops** by Randy Ribay

Rani & Sukh; (Un)arranged Marriage; Killing Honour; The Gun; Stay a Little Longer - Bali Rai+

Gloves Off^; Wrecked^; Black Heart Blue by L Reid

Long Way Down^; All American Boys - J Reynolds

Extraordinary Means by Robyn Schneider

The Lovely Bones or **Lucky** by Alice Sebold*

The Boxer or **Run, Riot** Nikesh Shukla

Counting by 7s by Holly Sloan

The Million Pieces of Neena Gill by E Smith-Barton

Stone Cold by Robert Swindells

Everything I Thought I Knew by Shannon Takaoka

Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley

The Hate U Give or **On the Come Up** by A Thomas

The List by Siobhan Vivian

It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini

My Name is Leon by Kit de Waal

What Momma Left Me by Renee Watson

Liclle Bit (& sequels), **Uprising** or **The Humiliations of Welton Blake+** by Alex Wheatle

The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson

Frankly in Love by David Yoon

In The Wild Light by Jeff Zentner

Teacher's Dead, Face, Terror Kid or **Gangsta Rap** by Benjamin Zephaniah

Dystopian/Science Fiction

The Power by Naomi Alderman*

Chasing the Stars by Malorie Blackman

Gamer (& Virtual Combat series) by Chris Bradford+

Ink (& sequels) by Alice Broadway

World War Z by Max Brooks*

Three Bullets by Melvin Burgess

The Girl With All the Gifts by MR Carey*

Matched (& sequels) by Ally Condie

The Maze Runner (& sequels) by J. Dashner

Cell 7 (& sequels) by Kerry Drewery

The Upper World by Femi Fadugba

The Gender Game by Bella Forrest

Gone; Front Line (& sequels) by Michael Grant

Lifers by M.A. Griffin

Department 19 (& sequels) by Will Hill

The Outrage by William Hussey
Bearmouth by Liz Hyder
Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko
The Loneliest Girl in the Universe or **The Quiet at the End of the World** by Lauren James
Maladapted by Richard Kurti
I Am Number Four (& sequels) by Pittacus Lore
Legend (& sequels) by Marie Lu
Station 11 by Emily Mandel*
The Passengers; The One by John Marrs*
The 100 by Kass Morgan
Killer T by Robert Muchamore
No Man's Land by Joanna Nadin
The Knife of Never Letting Go series by Patrick Ness
Z For Zachariah by Robert O'Brien
The Loop by Ben Oliver
Replica or **Delirium** (& sequels) by Lauren Oliver
Only Ever Yours by Louise O'Neill
Divergent (& sequels) by Veronica Roth
Plague Land by Alex Scarrow
Scythe, Unwind (& sequels) -N Shusterman
Concetr8 by William Sutcliffe
Contagion or **Slated** (& sequels) by Teri Terry
The Martian or **Project Hail Mary** by Andy Weir*
Partials (& sequels) by Dan Wells
Uglies or **Zeroes** (& sequels) by Scott Westerfield
The Foreverers by Chris Whitaker
The Infinity Files by SM Wilson
The 5th Wave (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

Environment/Climate Change

American War by Omar El Akkad*
The Drowned World by J.G. Ballard*
Exodus by Julie Bertanga
Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler*
The Well by Catherine Chanter*
Greenwood by Michael Christie*
Breathe by Sarah Crossan
The Ice People by Maggie Gee*
The Territory by Sarah Govett
Floodworld & **DustRoad** by Tom Huddleston
The End We Start From by Megan Hunter
Green Rising by Lauren James

Runners by Ann Kelley
Unsheltered, Prodigal Summer or **Flight Behaviour** by Barbara Kingsolver*
The Carbon Diaries by Saci Lloyd
The Dog Runner & Across Risen Sea - B MacDibble
The Overstory by Richard Powers*
Floodland or **Snowflake, AZ** by Marcus Sedgwick
Dry by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman
The Survival Game or **The Island** by Nicky Singer
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck*

Fantasy/Epic/Urban Fantasy/Magic Realism

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
A Jigsaw of Fire & Stars by Yaba Badoe
Six of Crows; Crooked Kingdom by Leigh Bardugo
Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron
City of Bones (& sequels) by Cassandra Clare
Legendborn by Tracy Deonn
Half Bad (& sequels) by Sally Green
The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna
The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
The Eye of the World (Wheel of Time) by R Jordan
A Blade So Black (& sequels) by L.L. McKinney
Burn by Patrick Ness
Way of Kings (Stormlight Archive) by B Sanderson
Voyages in Underworld of Orpheus Black-
 Sedgwick
Oh My Gods by Alexandra Sheppard
An Ember in the Ashes (& sequels) by Sabaa Tahir
Children of the Quicksands by Efua Traore

History & War

The Short Knife by Elen Caldecot
Wolf Children, Bomber, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven or **The Great Revolt** by Paul Dowswell
Copper Sun by Sharon M Draper
When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
Under a War-Torn Sky or **Suspect Red** by L. Elliott
Fatal Throne: Henry VIII (multiple YA writers)

An Act of Love or **The Trap** by Alan Gibbons
Grenade, Ground Zero or **Prisoner B-3087** - A Gratz

Bone Talk by Candy Gourlay

The Mercies by Kiran Millwood Hargrave*

Sawbones or **Blade and Bones** by C Johnson

Orphan, Monster, Spy by Matt Killeen

Among Red Stars by Gwen Katz

When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler

The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe*

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri*

Dog Tags: Semper Fido or **Strays** by CA London

A Berlin Love Song by Sarah Matthias

Red Stars by Davide Morosinotto

Fallen Angels or **Sunrise over Fallujah**-WD Myers

Things a Bright Girl Can Do; Silent Stars - S Nicholls

Salt to the Sea or **Fountains of Silence** - R Sepetys

Maus by Art Spiegelman (graphic novel)*+

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

The Land (& sequels) or **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** by Mildred Taylor

Code Named Verity & Enigma Game; Firebird+ by Elizabeth Wein

Cane Warriors or **Kemosha of the Caribbean** by Alex Wheatle

Kent State by Deborah Wiles^

My Dear I Wanted to Tell You by Louisa Young*

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Humorous Books

Half My Facebook Friends Are Ferrets by J Buckle

The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman*

The Private Blog of Joe Cowley by Ben Davis

Boys Don't Knit or **An English Boy in NY** by T Easton

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
Noah Can't Even; Alex in Wonderland - SJ Green

The Boomerang Effect by Gordon Jack
The Reformed Vampire Support Group by Jinks

Hellbent or **Henry Tumour** by Anthony McGowan

Don't Even Think About It – Sarah Mylnowski
Discworld series by T Pratchett (try **The Last Hero**)*

Good Omens by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman*

Geekhood series by Andy Robb

The Rosie Project (& sequel) by Graeme Simsion*

Something I Said by Ben Bailey Smith

The Gifted, The Talented and Me by W Sutcliffe

Dark Lord: The Teenage Years by Jamie Thomson

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole – Sue Townsend

The Savages and **American Savage** by M Whyman

Relationships

Ace of Spades by Faridah Abike-Iyimede
Yes, No, Maybe So by R Albertalli & Aisha Saeed

Beautiful Broken Things or **Fierce Fragile Hearts** Sara Barnard

Tender Earth by Sita Brahmachari

We Come Apart by S Crossan & Brian Conaghan^

Alex & Eliza by Melissa de la Cruz (Hamilton)

On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

Floored: When Seven Lives Collide (various authors)

Fault in Our Stars or **Looking for Alaska** by J Green

Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler

To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han

Slammed or **Regretting You** by Colleen Hoover

Hold Back the Stars by Katie Khan

Falling Fast (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie
Release by Patrick Ness

One Day or **Sweet Sorrow** by David Nicholls*

Unboxed; Second Best Friend by Nan Pratt

Heartstopper graphic novels by Alice

Oseman+

The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds

Attachments & **Fangirl** by Rainbow Rowell

Written in the Stars by Aisha Saeed

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein*

Shiver or **The Raven Boys**(&sequels) - M.

Stiefvater

Our Chemical Hearts by Krystal Sutherland

They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera

Love is a Revolution by Renee Watson

If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson

Everything, Everything & **Sun is Also a Star-**

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