

Reading List for Year 9 students

For students: What an opportunity! A week to lose yourself in a book, watch a documentary with your family on the sofa or pop a podcast in your ears while you go for a walk. Don't worry - the aim is not for you to read all of these! The aim is to enjoy a wide range of resources from a wide range of subjects, so don't limit yourself to your 'favourite' subjects or those in which you are strongest - reading should take you beyond your experience. See where the subjects can take you.

For parents: We want to promote intellectual curiosity and scholarship through independent reading, so please play your part in encouraging your child to read for pleasure. Departments have given you a wide range of resource formats, thus preventing the need to buy anything new (unless your child wants it as a special birthday gift!) - we highly recommend using your local library (you can order books in advance to collect for Reading Week): [Find me a Library!](#) Instructions on how to access our fantastic resources from the LRC are also included at the end.

Art

Explore the department's virtual Art Library at: rdgart.dropmark.com/768899

- *Architecture and Cityscapes: Tips and Techniques for Drawing on Location* by Gabriel Campanario - available [here](#) (PDF)
- *You Will be Able to Draw Faces by the End of This Book* by Jake Spicer
- Any of the *Draw 50* series by Lee J Ames - available [here](#) (PDF)
- *Read This If You Want To Take Great Photographs.* by Henry Carroll
- *Isms... Understanding Art* by Stephen Little

Biology

- [Catalyst Magazine - Archive \(catalyst-magazine.org\)](http://catalyst-magazine.org) issue 31 and 39

Catalyst is an exciting science journal for young people aged 14-19. Covering scientific research and industrial developments, real life STEM stories, career journeys, STEM expeditions and adventure.

- [catalyst-magazine-issue31.pdf](#)
- [Catalyst Magazine - Issue 39 \(catalyst-magazine.org\)](http://catalyst-magazine.org)

Chemistry

- Bill Bryson-A Short History of Nearly Everything
- [Periodic Tales | University of Oxford Podcasts](#)
- [Nanomaterials - Hodder Education Magazines](#)
- [Supercritical fluids - Hodder Education Magazines](#)
- [Catalyst27_1_the_bizarre_world_of_high_pressure_chemistry.pdf \(stem.org.uk\)](#)

Classical Civilisations & Ancient History

Listen:

Podcast: The History of Rome by Mike Duncan

Natalie Haynes Stands up for the Classics: [The Iliad](#)

Read:

Stephen Fry: Mythos, Troy, Heroes

Mary Beard: SPQR

Tom Holland: Persian Fire

Watch:

Stephen Fry reading the story of [Pandora](#)

Extra credits: [the History of writing](#)

Extra credits: [The Brothers Gracchi](#)

Exam specific for Ancient History: [Stupid Ancient History](#)

Computer Science

Videos on computing and other related topics <https://www.youtube.com/c/explainingcomputers>

Open-content textbooks collection with facts on many subjects

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Main_Page

Book: iWoz by Steve Wozniak - an inspiring autobiography of Apple co-founder, Steve Wozniak. An electronics engineering genius and all-round great guy!

Book: [The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution](#) by Walter Isaacson - Inspiring stories of the development of modern computing

Book: [You look like a thing and I love you](#) by Janelle Shane - an amusing look at the uses of limitations of AI and machine learning algorithms

Drama

Stanislavski intro

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ai_ooqtsil

Le Coq - 7 levels of Tension

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVFOzZuLNqo>

The Crucible Resource pack - Arthur Miller's great work broken down and examined from a performance and analysis angle.

https://readingschoolco.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/EUBXfE_h2f9AmfhARl5ThI4BST_he-XIU5VpjhiklvXdQ?e=MgYvfm

A selection of National Theatre productions, tuck in!

<https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/series/national-theatre-collection-iid-190464>

Username: 4Bk.7Bu'

Password: 1Hw'7Me+

Economics

Current affairs focus: using reputable news websites, such as BBC News.

Articles will be posted on Y9/Ec Class Teams.

Recent news includes: [Vodafone and Three in merger talks - BBC News](#)

[IMF openly criticises UK government tax plans - BBC News](#)

[Inflation in Turkey surges to 83% - BBC News](#)

Book recommendation for Y9:

[Can't We Just Print More Money?: Economics in Ten Simple Questions eBook : The Bank Of England: Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Store](#)

Freakonomics Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

The Undercover Economist Tim Harford (or anything by Tim Harford)

An excellent place to start exploring any topic that might interest you is the Very Short Introduction Series from Oxford University Press. Some but not all are in the LRC but they are relatively cheap to buy.
Examples for Economics – Economics, Development, Neo-liberalism; Keynes; Behavioural Economics; Game Theory and for Management – Management, Organisations, Work.
Examples for Politics – Fascism, Anarchism, Communism, Socialism; for Philosophy Ethics, Utilitarianism

Further Reading List available here:

<https://readingschoolco.sharepoint.com/:w/g/EUsp2hZQSEBGgNfLY2GpxWYBujMLOG5JVv4IkspDsNHcuw?e=vhORge>

Electronics

A simple guide to electronics components: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Maq5lyHSuc>

Book: Make Electronics, Platt - From SharePoint

English

- “Opening Worlds” short stories from other cultures, available [here](#)
- “After (Nineteen Stories Of Apocalypse and Dystopia)”: Ellen Datlow
- “My Bondage and my Freedom” and “Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass”: Frederick Douglass, available [here](#) and [here](#)
- “The Time Machine”: H.G Wells, available [here](#)
- [“Diary of a Young Naturalist”: Dara McAnulty](#)
- [“My Family and other Animals”: Gerald Durrell](#)
- “Boy”: Roald Dahl
- “Becoming”: Michelle Obama
- “Fever Pitch”: Nick Hornby
- “I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings”: Maya Angelou
- “Testament Of Youth”: Vera Brittain
- “The Long Walk To Freedom”: Nelson Mandela
- “Playing It My Way”: Sachin Tendulkar
- “Chronicles”: Bob Dylan
- “The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah”
- “People Like Us”: Hashi Mohamed
- “Educated” by Tara Westover
- “Manifesto”: Bernadine Evaristo
- “My Name is Why”: Lemn Sissay

French

Article about the popularity of Tiktok <https://ptitlibe.liberation.fr/phenomene-Tiktok-application-trump.101250>

Article about the work of a spy <https://ptitlibe.liberation.fr/agents-secrets.101257>

A famous book: *Le Petit Prince* by de Saint Exupéry

Playlist on French rap

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/oMF1XGKzqqeLoZHeqMrq7R>

Playlist on French pop

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2sk8xNt1IHG9zOgf4mAf2r>

Interview Mbappé <https://www.ilini.com/apprendre-le-francais/kylian-mbappe-interview>

The first female Prime Minister in France <https://www.ilini.com/apprendre-le-francais/elisabeth-borne-nomme-premiere-ministre-par-emmanuel-macron>

Inspiring stories of foreigners in France

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FZQfsmgaYs&list=PLnazreCxpqRkRlhyUTP9wW9iO6yL4ScCS&index=6&t=288s&ab_channel=EasyFrench

Podcast on football https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/le-but-foot/id1555310054?fbclid=IwARox2HlNn8UJNakiicdijQqj3W1VpmDJ7L4Gt_wSiHaK62ipVQoWyrxouM#episodeGuid=f5fd12e1-5fad-4738-aeed-7b2721f446ea

https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/le-but-foot/id1555310054?fbclid=IwARox2HlNn8UJNakiicdijQqj3W1VpmDJ7L4Gt_wSiHaK62ipVQoWyrxouM#episodeGuid=f5fd12e1-5fad-4738-aeed-7b2721f446ea

News in easy French <https://www.1jouractu.com/videos>

A famous film: Intouchables (on Netflix + on the school video system

<https://readingschool.planetestream.com/View.aspx?id=5326~4q~qPPaeoUP>

A “thriller” Un Homme idéal

<https://readingschool.planetestream.com/View.aspx?id=5595~4v~AogtJYFg>

A series : *Les 7 Vies de Léa* (on Netflix)

A series: Lupin (available on Netflix)

Documentary about the catacombs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQJmn6z3h5Q&ab_channel=Geographics

Geography

[Wideworld - Hodder Education Magazines](#)

Watch:

[The Village That's Falling into the Sea - HQ documentary - YouTube](#)

<https://youtu.be/5iiKloYD5nk> - Living on the Edge: Coastal Communities in Cornwall

[BBC One - Panorama, The Green Energy Scandal Exposed](#)

Read

[The big city that is also pleasant to live in | The Economist](#)

[Britain's next nuclear plant will be identical to one under construction | The Economist](#)

Notes From A Small Island: Journey Through Britain by Bill Bryson (available through LRC's E-Books)

Listen:

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-qr7n9-12a9350> - Are natural disasters really that natural, or are they the fault of humans?

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-iff6e-fd3268> - Caribbean communities in the UK

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-vphpb-d5f721> - Food Security and sustainability

German

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbxb2fqe9oNgglAoYqsYotQ>: People are being interviewed on the street. You will get German and English subtitles so you can understand everything that is said.

<https://www.newsinslowgerman.com/>: News with transcript which will give you the English translations for difficult words. This is a good way to improve your German.

<https://slowgerman.com/>: This site provides podcasts about different topics. It includes a transcript.

Das Leben der anderen: We study this film for AS. It's about the Stasi spying on an East German writer and his girlfriend.

History

Read – More detail on Anglo-Saxon and Viking England [Making peace: Scandinavian migrants and King Alfred's 'fyrd' / Our Migration Story](#)
Look at the experience of Jewish people in Medieval Britain [Poems of protest: Meir ben Elijah and the Jewish people of early Britain / Our Migration Story](#)
Watch – Look at the development of the East India Company which stretched British control over India [The Birth of Empire – Original Series Episode 1 – The East India Company – Planet eStream](#)

Mandarin

西游记

Journey to the West

[Link](#)

Chinese edition (highly recommended for senior language learners-Year 9 to Year 11)

上下五千年

Five Thousand years of Chinese Nation

[Link](#)

Chinese edition

[Link](#)

English edition

唐诗三百首

300 Tang Poems

[Link](#)

Chinese edition

[Link](#)

English edition

Mathematics

[Ding Dong Bell \(maths.org\)](#)

[5 Trailblazing Female Mathematicians | HowStuffWorks](#)

[divide-and-conquer.pdf \(undergroundmathematics.org\)](#)

[Classic Problem – Tower of Hanoi \(maths.org\)](#)

[Generating Triples \(maths.org\)](#)

[The Myth of 'I'm Bad at Math' – The Atlantic](#)

Music

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Five-Straight-Lines-History-Music/dp/1781257779>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/rolling-stone-music-now/id1078431985>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AdamNeely>

Physical Education

Moneyball: Michael Lewis
Free solo - Disney+

Physics

50 physics ideas you really need to know - Joanne Baker (2014) - LRC

PSHE

Fighting Invisible Tigers: Stress Management for Teens, Earl Hipp
How to Turn \$100 Into \$1,000,000: Earn! Save! Invest!, James McKenna
[\(43\) PSHE4you- Episode 10-Healthy Relationships - YouTube](#)
Heartstopper: Volume 1 by Alice Oseman

Spanish

Presente

[CBS To Go 2.10 | ¿Cuál es tu ciudad preferida de España? - What is your favourite Spanish city? - Coffee Break Languages](#)

Pasado

[CBS To Go 2.09 | ¿Cuál fue la última película que viste? - What was the last film you saw? - Coffee Break Languages](#)

[CBS To Go 2.04 | ¿Qué hiciste ayer? - What did you do yesterday? - Coffee Break Languages](#)

Futuro

[CBS To Go 2.08 | Si tuvieras que recomendar un plato típico de tu país, ¿cuál sería? - If you had to recommend a typical dish from your country, which would it be? - Coffee Break Languages](#)

[CBS To Go 2.06 | Si pudieras ir a cualquier lugar del mundo, ¿adónde irías? - If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? - Coffee Break Languages](#)

Documentaries to understand Hispanic culture

- [BBC One - Conociendo Sudamérica - Simon Reeves Series](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Simon Reeves South America](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Colombia with Simon Reeve](#)

[BBC iPlayer - Equator - 3. Latin America](#)

- [Documentales Netflix:](#)

[Boca Juniors Confidential](#) - Argentine football documental - Sport, Argentine culture.

Theology & Philosophy

1. [The Republic](#) -Plato
2. [Mind, consciousness and freewill: Are we more than matter? » The Big Conversation](#)

Accessing resources from the LRC

Using the LRC Before Reading Week

- By the start of October half-term, all year 7, year 9 and year 12 pupils will have been invited to the LRC to discover the range of resources available to them both within school and from home. New students should have received a Guide to Using the LRC and those embarking on research projects should have received our Eresources Guide.

- All pupils can borrow books from the LRC for Reading Week. Fiction holiday loans start from Monday 10th of October and non-fiction holiday loans start from Monday 26th of September. This means if you borrow a book from these dates, it will be due back when you return following Reading Week.

E-Resources Available From Home 24/7

The LRC subscribes to a range of high quality e-resources that can be accessed from home. An alphabetical list, complete with links and login details can be found on

here <https://readingschoolco.sharepoint.com/SitePages/LRC%20E-Resources.aspx>

This includes two ebook platforms. Both platforms can be accessed using pupil Office 365 logins:

VLeBooks is a small ebook library and provides access to both fiction and non-fiction ebooks. Books can be read online. You can access VLeBooks via this link www.vlebooks.com. This includes 6th form wider reader titles. You can also preview books we do not own. To request a book we do not own, please email lkesteven@reading-school.co.uk.

ePlatform by Wheeler's is our new ebook and audiobook platform found here: <https://readingschool.eplatform.co>

The ePlatform library catalogue is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles. Students can have 2 books out on loan at any one time, and they will automatically return after 2 weeks, or students can return them early in order to loan a new book. The eBooks can be read on a computer, laptop, or through the free App on your tablets or smartphones.

[Reading through your web browser on a laptop or computer](#)

Students can browse the collection or search for a specific book title, author or publisher and loan the book they choose. It is then assigned to them for the 2-week period.

[Reading through the App](#)

To download the App, search "ePlatform" in the App store and download. Click on the app and you will then need to search for the library which will be Reading School. Once you start typing, it will bring up the school on the list. Click the 3 little lines in the top left corner and select sign in. Using the App, the books will be temporarily downloaded to the device so students will not need internet connections once the book has been loaned to read, great for travelling!

To access these resources, visit the LRC (Learning Resources) area of SharePoint and navigate to the eResources section. You can also click this link.

	Current Affairs & P S H F	Art	Biology	Chemistry	Classics	Drama	Economics	Eng. & Com. Sci.	English	EPQ	Geography	History	Mathematics	MFL	Music	PE	Physics	Religious Studies
Britannica	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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JSTOR																		
The Day																		

Some of these resources require passwords, which are available from the LRC eResources page on SharePoint.

Britannica	An online multimedia encyclopaedia accessible at three different language levels. Includes good quality information on a huge range of different topics.
British Medical Journal	Online version of the weekly medical journal
The Economist Online	Provides insight and opinion on international news, politics, business, finance, science and technology.
Hodder Magazine Online Archive (Review Magazines)	Written by board examiners, so is great for A-Level students. Ten titles accessible online, including Economic Review.
Issues Online	Excellent source of information, including statistics, on a wide range of social issues.
Complete Issues	Useful for articles on a wide range of current social issues.
JSTOR	JSTOR is an online archive of core scholarly journals in a wide variety of disciplines.
The Day	Inspiring students and teachers with topical case-studies and real world examples - using the news to bring subjects to life.

