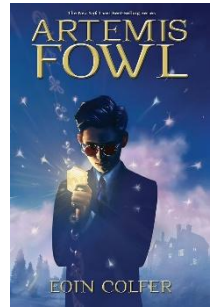


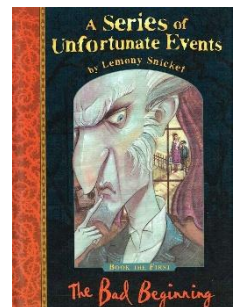
## Y8 Reading List – 2026/27

**The below list of books are suitable for Y8 students and suit a range of reading ages. All of the below books are available in our school library which is open every break and lunchtime.**

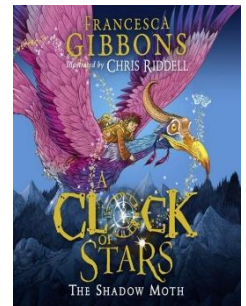
**Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer:** *Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a criminal mastermind with a genius intellect and a daring plan: to capture a fairy and steal its gold. But the fairy world is far more dangerous than he expects. Packed with action, humour and unexpected twists, this fast-paced adventure follows Artemis as he discovers that power and intelligence don't always guarantee success. (Reading age 9-12yrs)*



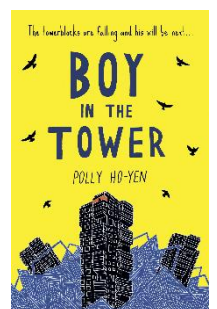
**A Series of Unfortunate Events: When the Baudelaire children lose their parents in a mysterious fire, they are sent to live with the sinister Count Olaf. What follows is a darkly comic series of disasters, disguises and narrow escapes as the siblings try to outwit Olaf and uncover the truth about their past. Full of irony, mystery and clever storytelling, this series explores resilience in the face of constant misfortune. (Reading age 9-12yrs)**



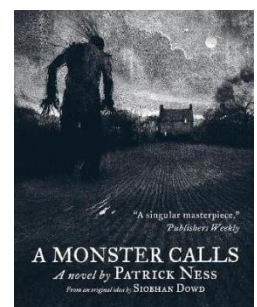
**A Clock of Stars: The Shadow Moth – Francesca Gibbons:** *When Imogen follows a mysterious silver moth through a hidden doorway, she and her sister tumble into a magical kingdom filled with strange creatures and hidden dangers. Alongside a reluctant prince, they must uncover secrets and find their way home. This imaginative fantasy adventure blends humour, bravery and sibling relationships in a vividly created world. (Reading age 9-12yrs)*



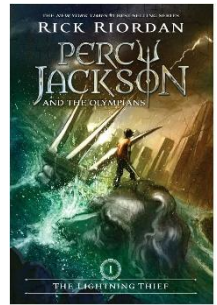
**The Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen:** *From the seventeenth floor of the tower block where he lives with his mother, Ade watches as the buildings fall around him. The Bluchers - a strange and terrible kind of plant - are taking over the city, and everyone is being forced to evacuate, but his mother is refusing to leave her room. And so Ade watches alone as the city slowly empties, and the Bluchers creep ever closer. (Reading age 9-13yrs)*



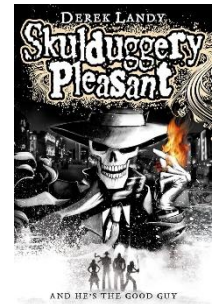
**A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness:** *Thirteen-year-old Conor is dealing with his mother's illness when a mysterious monster begins visiting him at night. But this is not a typical scary story—the monster tells tales that force Conor to confront his deepest fears. A moving and powerful novel about grief, truth, and growing up. (Reading age 11-14yrs)*



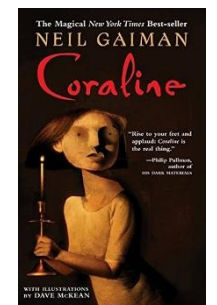
**Percy Jackson Series – Rick Riordan:** *A modern fantasy adventure series following Percy, a 12-year-old boy who discovers he is a demigod (son of a Greek god). He embarks on quests across the modern world, battling mythological monsters and uncovering secrets about his identity. (Reading age 9-12yrs)*



**Skulduggery Pleasant – Derek Landy:** *After her uncle's death, Stephanie meets Skulduggery Pleasant—a witty skeleton detective—and is drawn into a hidden magical world full of danger, humour, and an ancient evil threat. (Reading age 11-14yrs)*



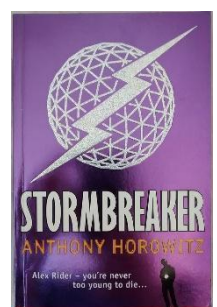
**Coraline – Neil Gaiman:** *Coraline discovers a hidden door in her new home leading to a strange parallel world where everything seems better – until she realises the sinister “Other Mother” wants to trap her forever. (Reading age 10-14yrs)*



**The Last Kids on Earth – Max Brallier:** *After a monster apocalypse, 13-year-old Jack and his friends survive in a treehouse, battling zombies and creatures while treating the end of the world like a video-game-style adventure. (Reading age 8-12yrs)*



**Stormbreaker (Alex Rider) – Anthony Horowitz:** *Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is recruited by MI6 after his uncle's death and thrown into a dangerous spy mission involving high-tech gadgets and deadly enemies. (Reading age 12-15yrs)*



**When Stars are Scattered – Victoria Jamieson:** *A graphic memoir about two brothers growing up in a refugee camp in Kenya, exploring hardship, hope, and the importance of education and family. (Reading age 9-12yrs)*

