



## SKEGNESS ACADEMY

### Reading List: KS3

#### Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

- The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Rooker*** by John Boyne
- Bodyguard*** or ***The Soul Hunters*** (& sequels) -C Bradford
- Mortal Chaos*** or ***Lie, Kill, Walk Away*** by M Dickinson \*(!)
- The London Eye Mystery*** by Siobhan Dowd (!)
- Boy Overboard*** by Morris Gleitzman
- Hide and Seeker*** by Daka Hermon
- Murder in Midwinter*** by Fleur Hitchcock
- High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop*** by Sharna Jackson
- I Have No Secrets*** by Penny Joelson (!)
- The Long Weekend*** by Savita Kalhan
- Don't Doubt the Rainbow*** by Anthony Kessel
- Eight Pieces of Silva/Splinters of Sunshine-*** Lawrence\* (!)
- Where the World Ends*** by Geraldine McCaughrean\* (!)
- Hide & Secrets*** or ***Girl Missing*** (& sequels) by S McKenzie
- Edge of Extinction*** by Laura Martin
- The Recruit*** or ***Robin Hood*** (& sequels) - R Muchamore\*
- Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen
- Ruby in the Smoke*** by Phillip Pullman
- Wolf Wilder, Rooftopper*** or ***The Explorer*** by K Rundell
- Murder Most Unladylike*** (& sequels) by Robin Stevens
- Girl. Boy. Sea*** by Chris Vick\*
- The Extinction Trials*** or ***The Infinity Files*** by SM Wilson\*

#### Animal Fiction

- The One and Only Ivan*** by K Applegate (gorillas)

***The Shark Caller*** by Zillah Bethell (sharks) (!)

***Fenway and***

***Hattie*** by Victoria Cole (dogs)

***The Last Bear***

by Hannah Gold (polar bear)

***A Street Dog Named Pup*** by Gill Lewis (dogs) (!)

***War Horse*** by Michael Morpurgo (horses) (!)

***A Wolf Called Wander*** by Rosanne Parry (wolves)

***Pax*** by Sarah Pennypacker (foxes) (!)

***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls (dogs) (!)

***Cat Tales: True Stories of Fantastic Felines-*** P Rich (cats)

***Varjak Paw*** by SF Said (cats)

***I, Cosmo*** by Carlie Sorosiak (dogs)

***Dreaming the Bear*** by Mimi Thebo (grizzly bears)

***The Dog Who Saved the World*** by Ross Welford (dogs)

#### Environment/Climate Change

- Where the River Runs Gold*** by Sita Brahmachari
- World Burn Down*** by Steve Cole (SR)
- Breathe*** by Sarah Crossan
- Melt*** by Ele Fountain
- Squirm, Flush, Chomp*** or ***Hoot*** by Carl Hiaasen
- FloodWorld & DustRoad*** by Tom Huddleston
- Song of the Dolphin Boy*** by Elizabeth Laird
- Moon Bear*** or ***White Dolphin*** by Gill Lewis (!)
- The Dog Runner, Across the Risen Sea*** - B Macdibble (!)
- Between Sea and Sky & World Turns Wild*** by N Penfeld
- Here in the Real World*** by Sarah Pennypacker (!)
- Dry*** by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman (!)
- The Summer We Turned Green*** by William Sutcliffe

\* = content is slightly more mature  
! = our favourite reads

**No One is Too Small to Make a Difference**– G Thunberg

**Harklights** by Tim Tilley

**The Last Wild** (& sequels) by Piers Torday

### Dystopian/Science Fiction

**The Infinite** (& sequels) by Patience Agbabi

**The Middler** or **Troofriend** by Kirsty Applebaum

**The Last Human** by Lee Bacon

**Ink** by Alice Broadway\*

**City of Rust** by Gemma Fowler

**Gone** or **BRZK** (& sequels) -Michael Grant\*

**How I Saved the World in a Week** by Polly Ho-Yen

**Nowhere on Earth** by Nick Lake\*

**The Giver** and **Gathering Blue** by Lois Lowry\* (!)

**The Supreme Lie** by Geraldine McCaughrean (!)

**Show Us Who You Are** by Elle McNicholl

**No Man's Land** by Joanna Nadin

**The Knife of Never Letting Go** (& sequels)-P Ness \*(!)

**Railhead & Mortal Engines** (& sequels)-P Reeve (!)

**Scythe, Unwind** (& sequels) – N Shusterman \*(!)

**Destination Earth** by Ali Sparkes

**Contagion** or **Slated** (& sequels) by Teri Terry\*

**The Kid Who Came From Space** by Ross Welford

**The 5th Wave** (& sequels) by Rick Yancey (!)

### Fantasy/Magic Realism/Horror & Ghost

**The House With Chicken Legs & Girl/Bear** -S. Anderson

**Six of Crows** by Leigh Bardugo\*

**Asha & The Spirit Bird** by Jasbinder Bilan

**Artemis Fowl** (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer

**Pet** by Akwaeke Emezi\*

**Who Let the Gods Out** (& sequels) by Maz Evans

**Ranger's Apprentice** or **Brotherband** - J Flanagan

**Inkheart** (& sequels) or **Reckless** by Cornelia Funke (!)

**The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaiman (!)

**Blackberry Blue** by Jamila Gavin (!)

**Rumaysa: A Fairytale** by Radiya Hafiza

**Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure** by Vashti Hardy

**Girl of Ink and Stars** by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)

**Skulduggery Pleasant** (& sequels) by Derek Landy

**Eragon** (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini

**Tales of Terror, Mister Creecher** –Chris Priestley

**Northern Lights** (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman \*(!)

**Goth Girl** (& sequels) by Chris Riddell (SR)

**Mrs Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** - Riggs

**Alcatraz & Evil Librarians** (& sequels) by B Sanderson

**Zom-B** or **Cirque du Freak** (& sequels) by D. Shan

**Oh My Gods** by Alexandra Sheppard

**Black Panther the Young Prince** by Roland L Smith

**Fear Street** by RL Stine

**The Edge Chronicles** by P Stewart and C Riddell

**Children of the Quicksands** by Efu Traore

### Graphic Novels (GN)/Short Stories (SS)/Verse Novels (VN)/Super-Readables (SR)

**Booked, Crossover, Rebound** y Kwame Alexander (VN)

**Gamer** (& sequels) by Chris Bradford (SR)

**El Deafo** by Cece Bell (GN)

**Jon for Short** by Malorie Blackman (SR)

**Worst Case Collin** by Rebecca Caprara (VN)

**Mind Writer** by Steve Cole (SR)

**New Kid** or **Class Act** by Jerry Craft (GN)

**Grave Matter** by Juno Dawson (SR)

**Stat Man** by Alan Durant (SR)

**Edgar & Adolf** by Phil Earle & Michael Wagg (SR)  
**Flying Lessons & Other Stories** ed by Ellen Oh (SS)  
**Coraline: Graphic Novel** by Neil Gaiman & C Russell (GN)  
**The Greatest (Muhammed Ali)** by Alan Gibbons (SR)  
**Amazons, Abolitionists and Activitists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Rights -** Mikki Kendall (GN)  
**Amulet: The Stonekeeper** by Kazu Kibuishi (GN)  
**Rat** by Patrice Lawrence (SR)  
**In the Key of the Code** by Aimee Lucido (VN)  
**I am Minotaur** by Anthony McGowan (SR)  
**Run Rebel** by Manjeet Mann (VN)\*  
**145<sup>th</sup> Street: Short Stories** by Walter Dean Myers  
**White Bird** by RJ Palacio (GN)  
**Unboxed** by Non Pratt  
**Miles Morales: Spider Man** by Jason Reynolds (GN)  
**Look Both Ways** by Jason Reynolds (SS)  
**Pumpkin Heads** by Rainbow Rowell (GN)  
**Dark Peak** by Marcus Sedgwick (SR)  
**Operation Frog Effect** by Sara Scheerger  
**Dracula** by Bram Stoker retold by Burgan & Ruiz (GN)  
**The Small Things** by Lisa Thompson (SR)  
**Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure)** -Tracey Turner (SR)  
**Stargazing** by Jen Wang (GN)

### Humorous Books

**Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties** - Humza Arshad  
**Noah's Gold, Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy** -FC Boyce  
**The Last Kids on Earth** (& sequels) by Max Brallier  
**Adventures of a Wimpy Superhero** (&more)- T.Collins  
**The 13-Storey Treehouse** (& series) by A Griffiths  
**How to Survive Without Grownups** by Larry Hayes

**Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy...** by Konnie Huq  
**Disaster Diaries: Zombies** (&sequels)-R McGeddon  
**The Accidental Series** by Tom McLaughlin  
**The World of Norm** series by Jonathon Meres (SR)  
**Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar** by Zanib Mian  
**Timmy Failure** series by Stephan Pastis  
**Super-Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates**- Pearson (!)  
**The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh** by Helen Rutter  
**Tom Gates** series by Liz Pichon (SR)  
**Something I Said** by Ben Bailey Smith  
**Big Nate** series by Lincoln Peirce (SR)  
**The Day the Screens Went Blank** by Danny Wallace

### The Immigrant Experience/Refugees

**No Ballet Shoes in Syria** by Catherine Bruton  
**Efren Divided** by Ernesto Cisneros (!)  
**Illegal** by Eoin Colfer (GN)  
**Boy, Everywhere** by A.M. Dassu (!)  
**Boy 87** by Ele Fountain  
**The Bone Sparrow** by Zana Fraillion (!)  
**The Island** by Armin Greder (PB for older readers)  
**The Eleventh Trade** by Alyssa Hollingsworth  
**Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan  
**When Stars Are Scattered** by Jamieson & Mohamed (GN)  
**Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai (VN) (!)  
**The Crossing** by Manjeet Mann\* (VN)  
**A Glasshouse of Stars** by Shirley Marr  
**A Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park  
**The Red Pencil** by Andrea David Pinkney  
**Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan  
**The Arrival** by Shaun Tan (PB for older readers)  
**Other Words For Home** by Jasmine Warga (VN)  
**Front Desk** by Kelly Yang

**The Windrush Child** or **Refugee Boy**\*-B

Zephaniah

### Relationships/Tough Situations

**Cyborg Cat** (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan\* (!)

**Boy Underwater** by Adam Baron (!)

**Noughts and Crosses**\* or **Pig-Heart Boy** - M Blackman (!)

**Artichoke Hearts** or **Jasmine Skies** -S. Brahmachari

**A Pocketful of Stars** by Aisha Bushby

**One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee** -S Crossan\*(!)

**Heartbeat** by Sharon Creech

**Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow** by B Dean

**Stella By Starlight** or **Blended** by Sharon Draper (!)

**Running on Empty** by S.E. Durrant

**Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy** - P Earle

**The Many Worlds of Albie Bright** –Chris Edge

**Mockingbird** by Kathryn Erskine (!)

**Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies** by A. Fine

**Lenny's Book of Everything** by Karen Foxlee

**Check Mates & The Perfect Parent Project** by S Foster (!)

**One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia

**When Life Gives You Mangoes** by Kereen Getten (!)

**George** or **Rick** by Alex Gino

**Tall Story** or **Shine** by Candy Gourlay

**The Island at the End of Everything** by KM Hargrave(!)

**After the Fire** by Will Hill\*(!)

**Boy in the Tower** by Polly Ho-Yen

**Red Sky in the Morning** or **Secret Friends** -E Laird (!)

**Scarlet Ibis, Swan Song, or Eagle Warrior** (SR) - G Lewis

**Rain Reign** by Ann M Martin

**Brock, Pike, Rook & Lark** by Anthony McGowan \*(!)

**A Kind of Spark** by Elle McNicholl (!)

**A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness (!)

**No Fixed Address** or **Word Nerd** – Susin Nielsen\*(!)

**Wonder** or **Pony** by R.J. Palacio (!)

**Pax** or **Here in the Real World** - S Pennypacker (!)

**A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Moore Ramee

**The Star Outside My Window** by Onjali Rauf (!)

**Long Way Down** (VN or GN) by Jason Reynolds \*(!)

**Ghost Boys** or **Black Brother[...]** Jewell P Rhodes (!)

**Can You See Me** or **Do You Know Me**–Scott & Westcott

**The Marvels** or **Wonderstruck** by Brian Selznick (1/2 GN)

**The Boxer** by Nikesh Shukla\*(!)

**Counting by 7's** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

**Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli \*(!)

**Clean Getaway** or **Fast Pitch** by Nic Stone

**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas\* (!)

**Goldfish Boy** by Lisa Thompson

**The 1000 Year Old Boy** or **Time/Hamster** - Ross Welford

**A Boy Called Hope** or **Ocean/Armchair** - by L Williamson

**Brown Girl Dreaming** or **Harbor Me** - J Woodson\*(!)

### Sports

**Booked, Crossover or Rebound** – K. Alexander\* (!)

**Unstoppable** or **Man of the Match** - Dan Freedman

**Kick** by Mitch Johnson

**The Fix** by Sophie McKenzie

**The Greatest: Muhammed Ali** by Walter D Myers\*

**Ultimate Football Heroes Collection** – M&T Oldfield

**Football Academy** or **Foul Play** series–Tom Palmer

**Becoming Muhammed Ali** by J Patterson & K Alexander

**Soccer Squad, Dream On (& series)** by Bali Rai

**Gloves Off** by Louisa Reid\* (VN)

**Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu** (Track series) by J Reynolds

**Macbeth United: A Football Tragedy** by Michael Rosen

**Outcasts United** (young people edition) -W. St John

**The Football Boy Wonder** (& sequels) - Martin Smith

**Pay Attention, Carter Jones** by Gary Schmidt\* (!)

### History/War/Conflict

**Soldier Dog** or **A Horse Called Hero** - Sam Angus

**Unbound** by Anne Burg\*(VN)

**The Short Knife** by Elen Caldecott\* (!)

**Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven** - Dowswell

**Copper Sun** by Sharon Draper\* (!)

**The Last Paper Crane** by Kerry Drewery (!)

**When the Sky Falls** by Phil Earle (WWII)

**Under a War-Torn Sky** or **Suspect Red** by L.M. Elliott

**Once** (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman

**Bone Talk** by Candy Gourlay (!)

**Grenade, Ground Zero** or **Prisoner B-3087** - Alan Gratz\*

**The Goose Road** by Rowena House

**Race to the Frozen North, 1783, Blade and Bones** or **Sawbones** by Catherine Johnson (!)

**When the World Was Ours** by Liz Kessler\*

**Orphan Monster Spy** by Matt Killeen\* (!)

**Crusade** by Elizabeth Laird

**Buffalo Soldier, Apache** or **Lightning Strike**- T Landman\*

**Dog Tags: Semper Fido** or **Strays** by C A London\*

**Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story** by P Lawrence

**The Skylarks' War** or **The Swallows' Flight**- H McKay

**Red Stars** by Davide Morosinotto\*

**Shadow** or **In the Mouth of the Wolf** - Morpurgo

**Sunrise Over Fallujah** by Walter Dean Myers\*

**After the War, Armistice Runner** or **Over/Line-T** Palmer

**Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story** or **The Royal Rebel: The Life of Suffragette Princess Sophia Singh** by Bali Rai

**Salt to the Sea** or **Fountains of Silence** by R Sepetys \*(!)

**Eagle of the Ninth** by Rosemary Sutcliffe (!)

**The Land** or **Roll of Thunder** by Mildred D Taylor\*

**Cane Warriors** by Alex Wheatle\* (!)

**The Book Thief** by Marcus Zusak\* (!)