

Summer reading 2018 for pupils going into Seconde Européenne

If you wish to progress in English you must get into the habit of reading regularly: articles, short stories, novels and so on. **We would like you to read the following book over the summer.** Please do not leave your reading to the last week. **The book review is to be handed back in September.** (Do NOT cut and paste from Internet, teachers use the same sites as pupils to prepare their classes and Know when you have plagiarised!!!)

COMPULSORY READING: AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS, by Gennifer Choldenko

Book Review:

1. What is the most important thing to know about the book? (50 words)
2. Find out and explain the link between the novel and the author's biography. (50 words)
3. Is Al Capone the hero of the book? Why or why not? (50 words)
4. Would you recommend it to someone? Why? (50 words)

OTHER IDEAS:

Skellig by David Almond

Michael's life is turning upside down. His mother has just had a baby who is very ill: there is a great fear she might die. His parents are distraught and Michael feels lonely and left out. One day, Michael goes into the garage at the bottom of the garden. He's not allowed there at all for the structure is dangerously unstable. There Michael discovers a man living in the garage, feeding himself on flies and spiders. It's Skellig.

Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy

Alice Tully is a 17-year-old who works at the local coffee shop, lives with her kindly guardian Rosie and enjoys spending time with her boyfriend. But Alice hides a dark secret about her identity.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time - Mark Haddon

Christopher Boone is fifteen years old. He has Asperger's syndrome. He lives with his father, goes to a special school, and has never been out by himself further than the sweet shop at the end of his street. One evening, Christopher finds a dead dog. Christopher likes to be certain, so he decides to try to solve the mystery.

Girl, Missing by Sophie McKenzie

Lauren has always known she was adopted but when a little research turns up the possibility that she was snatched from an American family as a baby, suddenly Lauren's life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? And are her adoptive parents really responsible for kidnapping her?

Noughts and Crosses by Malory Blackman

Two young people are forced to make a stand in this thought-provoking look at racism and prejudice in an alternate society.

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney

A novel in cartoons: the journal of Greg Heffley, a middle-schooler who is generally dissatisfied with his lot in life: he hates his brothers; his parents are clueless; he is surrounded by "morons" at school; and he is not popular.