

Recommended Reading List Year 8

ANY GENRE - MOST POPULAR BOOKS OF 2025

- **Sunrise on the Reaping – Suzanne Collins**
A hugely popular 2025 release and prequel to The Hunger Games universe – gripping, fast paced, and ideal for adventurous readers.
- **Partypooper (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #20) – Jeff Kinney**
A bestselling humorous title perfect for reluctant readers who enjoy illustrated fiction.
- **How to Draw Everything – Emma Greene**
A creative, lighter non fiction pick that remains among 2025's most purchased books.

WELSH LANGUAGE BOOKS

WELSH / WELSH-IDENTITY THEMED

- **The Prince and the Suffragette – Gwyneth Tyson Roberts**
Historical Welsh setting with strong identity themes.
- **Ghosts of Graniaule – Catherine Fisher**
Adventure with Celtic mythology influences.

WRITTEN IN WELSH / BY WELSH AUTHORS

- **Sŵn y Gwynt – Manon Steffan Ros**
Accessible novel with emotional depth, suitable for mid-KS3.
- **Bryn y Crogwr – Mared Lewis**
Suspense-filled and manageable for developing readers.

SPORTS

FICTION

- **Ghost (Track Series) – Jason Reynolds**
Fast paced running novel with themes of belonging.
- **Kick Off – A.M. Williams**
Explores disability sport and friendship.
- **Patina (Track Series) – Jason Reynolds**
Focuses on teamwork and responsibility through athletics.

NONFICTION

- **Race to the Finish Line – Michael Woods**
Cycling memoir accessible for KS3.
- **Black and British: An Illustrated History – David Olusoga**
(sports sections relevant for curriculum ties).

