

INTERNATIONAL SECTION READING LIST for Collège students

Dear students and parents,

We hope International Section students will enjoy a relaxing summer break and escape the pressures of school. But we would also like to encourage reading during this time, particularly for those students who won't be in an English-speaking environment.

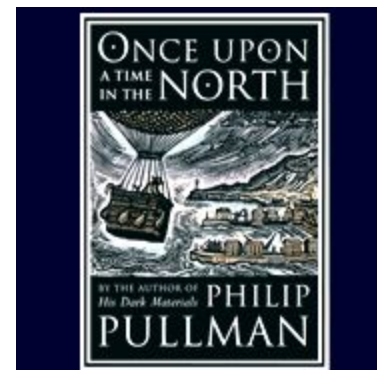
Please go to Foyle's bookshop on Tottenham Court Road if you get the chance. It's such a wonderful experience in buying and enjoying books in London, and you simply won't get it elsewhere. Also, check book events in your local library and the British Library. Nobody encourages kids to read like authors.

Reading is the key to being good at English. It's that simple. Read something which is a bit of a challenge but also interesting to you, and be prepared to give a 5 minute presentation on two books you have read when you come back in September.

Pick two from the list below:

Recent Reads

Book title	Author	Genre	Comment
The Earthsea Trilogy	Ursula le Guin	Fantasy	Life-changing, brilliant fantasy.
His Dark Materials	Philip Pullman	Fantasy	Imaginative, accessible but very intelligent. Theological.
Thursday's Child	Sonya Hartnett	Historical Realism	Endearing tale of Irish farmers
War Horse / Twist of Fate	Michael Morpurgo	Realism	Imaginative historical tales written beautifully
A Village by the Sea	Anita Desai	Realism	Set in India. Gorgeous, accessible, short
The Savage	David Almond	Realism	Very recent graphic novel, gorgeously illustrated and accessible to all readers
Raven's Gate	Anthony Horowitz	Sci Fi	Brilliantly imaginative technological spy worlds
The Chocolate War	Robert Cormier	Realism	For anybody who didn't like school
Tales from Beedle the Bard	JK Rowling	Fantasy	Accessible short stories for Harry Potter fans who want more
Power of One	Bryce Courtney	Realism	True story of a South African boy who changed the face of politics by boxing



Classics

Title	Author	Genre	Comment
Fairytales	Oscar Wilde	Fairytales	Brilliantly sophisticated morals to these tales, to share as a family
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	Adventure	Unmissable adventure story for a holiday
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Ghost Story	Discover London with Dickens
Kiss Kiss	Roald Dahl	Short Stories	For all reading levels
White Fang	Jack London	Adventure	Wolves and forests in a dark, dangerous past.
The Pearl	John Steinbeck	Realism	Set in New Mexico, a brilliantly tense manhunt
Lord of the Rings	J.R Tolkien	Fantasy	Gollum. Need I say more?
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce	Fantasy Realism	Imaginative take on childhood
The Diary of Ann Frank	Ann Frank	Diary	Poignant experience of a young Jewish girl during Nazi occupation
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Adventure realism	Boys stuck on an island begin to form tribes
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Fantasy	Surreal but beautiful world of a young girl, crammed with crazy poetry.

Non-Fiction

Title	Author	Genre	Comment
Born to Run	Christopher Mc Dougall	Biography	A fascinating tale of running in Mexico
Twin Ambitions	Mo Farah	Biography	A tale of Mo's extraordinary background and athletics
Pole to Pole	Michael Palin	Travel	Palin's hilarious account of his travels around the world
The Long Way Round	Ewan McGregor and Charlie Brooker	Travel	Motorbikes and adventure

Also check this link if you want opinions on Teen Literature which are more informed than mine!

<http://entertainment.timesonline.co.uk/>

Enjoy your holidays!

Mr Kelly