

Summer Reads KS4 - July 2026

The Davenports by Krystal Marquis.

Follow the fortunes of four young black women in the high society of Chicago at the turn of the twentieth century.

Arctic Zoo by Robert Muchamore.

In the near future, two teenagers, Georgia in England, Julius in Nigeria, end up in the same Adolescent Mental Health Unit when they become involved in violent political protests.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas.

A 16-year-old girl is drawn to activism after she witnesses the police shooting of her unarmed friend.

Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Set in 1960s Nigeria revolving around three people with very different relationships during the civil war. Ugwu, a boy from a poor village, works as a houseboy for a university professor. Olanna has abandoned her life of privilege in Lagos to live with her charismatic new lover.

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman.

Award-winning author Malorie Blackman tackles the issues of racism and prejudice in a world set in an alternate historical reality.

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo.

Two sisters, who have only just learned of each other's existence, become friends when their father dies.

Ace of Spades by Faridah Abike-Iyimide.

Hello, Niveus High. It's me. Who am I? That's not important. All you need to know is... I'm here to divide and conquer. – Aces

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo.

A teenage girl uses poetry to write about her life growing up in a poor area of Harlem.

A Fatal Inversion by Barbara Vine.

In the long hot summer of 1976 a group of young adults camp in Wyvis Hall; a beautiful Suffolk country house, after one of them unexpectedly inherits it. Ten years later, when the current owner buries their beloved dog in the Hall's animal cemetery, the bodies of a

woman and child are discovered. But which woman? And whose child? As the facts slowly emerge, their past begins to catch up with them . . .

Legendborn by Tracy Deonn.

When Bree Matthews witnesses a flying demon attack on campus, she discovers her own magic and link to the King Arthur dynasty.

For She is Wrath by Emily Varga.

When a fellow prisoner offers a chance at escape and the keys to a dangerous Jinn magic, Dania seizes the opportunity and, armed with a brand-new identity and all the power she could want, enacts a plan to bring down those who betrayed her and her family.

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E Butler.

We are coming apart. We're a rope, breaking, a single strand at a time. America is a place of chaos where violence rules and only the rich and powerful are safe. Lauren Olamina, a young woman with the extraordinary power to feel the pain of others as her own, records everything.

Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman.

A teenage boy suffers a breakdown which leads his family to send him away for treatment. With his mental state reflected in an imaginary scenario, he is a crew member on a vessel exploring an oceanic trench.

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein.

Two young women from different backgrounds become close friends through their roles in WWII - one as a pilot, the other as an SOE agent.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams.

An Earthman joins a gang of alien oddballs to explore the universe after Earth is destroyed by Vogons.

The People on Platform 5 by Clare Pooley.

A humorous book. Every day at 8:05, Iona Iverson boards the train to go to work. As a seasoned commuter, she knows there are rules that everyone should follow.