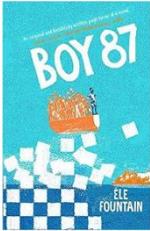
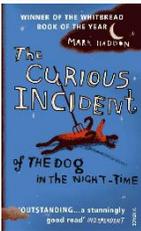
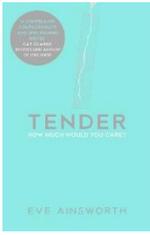
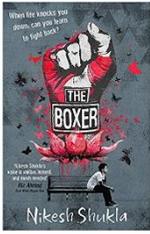
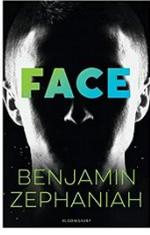


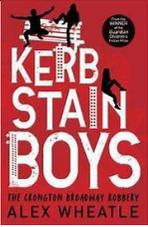
Orchard School Bristol – Reading and Registration

At Orchard, all students from Years 7 to Year 10 read every morning. The books have been chosen by staff from across the school and reflect our dynamic and culturally rich school. Here's a list of the books for Year 8, and a little bit about each one.

Year	Book Title and Author	Cover	What's it about?
8	<i>Noughts and Crosses</i> by Malorie Blackman	 The cover features a black background with a white circle containing a smaller white circle, resembling an eye or a nought. Below this is the author's name 'MALORIE BLACKMAN' and the title 'Noughts & Crosses' with a large white 'X' below it.	<p><i>Noughts and Crosses</i> is an incredible novel. It considers an alternative reality in which Africa had colonised Europe. The dark-skinned Crosses are the ruling classes, and the Noughts are the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses.</p> <p>Sephy is a Cross. Callum is a Nought. They have been friends since childhood – but anything further would be impossible. Follow their story as they navigate a dangerous and unknown path together.</p>
8	<i>Boy 87</i> by Ele Fountain	 The cover has a blue background with a checkered pattern at the bottom. The title 'BOY 87' is written in large, white, block letters. There is a small illustration of a boy and a girl on the cover.	<p>This novel is set in an unnamed dystopia. Fourteen-year-old Shif and his best friend Bini are ordinary boys with big ambitions, but their world implodes when they attract the attention of the military "giffa". Wrenched from their families, they're sent to a remote desert prison, where their cellmates are barely clinging to life.</p>
8	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> by Mark Haddon	 The cover features a blue background with a white dog lying on its back. The title 'The CURIOUS INCIDENT of THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME' is written in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'WINNER OF THE WHITEREAD BOOK OF THE YEAR' and 'MARK HADDON'. At the bottom, there is a quote: 'OUTSTANDING... a stunningly good read' from the Independent.	<p>Another classic young adult novel, which moves every reader. When Christopher John Francis Boone, a fifteen-year-old boy, finds his neighbour's dog dead, his world starts to change. Christopher finds it difficult to understand the world around him, but he embarks on a journey to solve the mystery of the dead dog.</p>

8	<p><i>Elli: Coming of Age in the Holocaust</i> by Livia E. Bitton Jackson</p>		<p>This is a true story. From her small, sunny hometown between the beautiful Carpathian Mountains and the blue Danube River, 13 year-old Elli Friedmann was taken – at a time when most girls are growing up, having boyfriends and embarking upon the adventure of life – and thrown into the murderous hell of Hitler's Final Solution.</p>
8	<p><i>No one is too small to make a difference</i> by Greta Thunberg</p>		<p>Our current climate, with the planet in a fragile state, the voice of the young generation is more important than ever. In August 2018 a fifteen-year-old Swedish girl, Greta Thunberg, decided not to go to school one day. Her actions ended up sparking a global movement for action against the climate crisis, inspiring millions of pupils to go on strike for our planet, forcing governments to listen, and earning her a Nobel Peace Prize nomination.</p>
8	<p><i>Once</i> by Morris Gleitzman</p>		<p>The first of a series, this is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War. We have the rest of the series in the library for you to borrow when you've enjoyed this.</p>
8	<p><i>Terror Kid</i> by Benjamin Zephaniah</p>		<p>This book makes its reader reconsider what makes a terrorist, and how we view the world around us. It is as relevant today as it was in 2001 – perhaps even moreso. Rico decides to use his ICT skills to disrupt the system, just for 10 minutes. The consequences are deep and far-reaching. This is a gripping read.</p>

8	<p><i>Running On Empty</i> by S.E. Durrant</p>		<p>After the death of his Grandfather, AJ does what he and his grandfather did best: running. Round and round the Olympic Park, aiming for the cross country trials, running to escape, AJ only seems to be heading ever closer to disaster.</p>
8	<p><i>Tender</i> by Eve Ainsworth</p>		<p>This novel deals with issues around mental health, family, friendship, and being a teenage carer. Marty and Daisy spend their lives pretending. Marty pretends his mum's grip on reality isn't slipping by the day. Daisy pretends her parents aren't exhausting themselves while they look after her incurably ill brother. At some point, the pretending has to stop.</p>
8	<p><i>The Boxer</i> by Nikesh Shukla</p>		<p>Published in 2019 by renowned author Nikesh Shukla, this is the story of Sunny – and it's based in Bristol. It's told over the ten rounds of his first fight. Sunny has joined a boxing club to learn to protect himself after a racist attack, and at the club he finds the community that he's been desperately seeking.</p>
8	<p><i>Face</i> by Benjamin Zephaniah</p>		<p>From the wonderful poet and author Benjamin Zephaniah, this novel gives us a sharp reminder of the importance of being beautiful on the inside. Cool, handsome and witty Martin – popular in school and the leader of his little group – gets into a stolen car one night. What follows will change his life, and priorities, forever.</p>

8	<p><i>Kite Rider</i> by Geraldine McCaughrean</p>		<p>This outstanding story is like nothing else you've ever read - packed with action, adventure and emotion. Haoyou knows that his father's spirit lives among the clouds above Ancient China. He also knows that to save his mother from being forced into a new marriage he must now follow in his father's footsteps and take to the skies, riding a kite through the clouds and the spirits of the dead.</p>
8	<p><i>Kerb Stain Boys</i> by Alex Wheatle</p>		<p>Alex Wheatle is an incredible author of young adult fiction and we are excited to introduce his work to our reading lists. Alex Wheatle was raised in Brixton and was imprisoned for a short time after his involvement in the Brixton riots and many of his books follow similar themes to his own experiences. Some of our students may know his novel <i>Brixton Rock</i>. <i>Kerb Stain Boys</i> tells the story of Briggy. Briggy lives on the Crongton estate. Life isn't easy for him. This book deals with ideas around poverty, friendship and relationships in a teenage world.</p>