



CHENEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Cheney Book Choice 2021

As a school, we normally shadow the CILIP Carnegie Book Prize in reading lessons for Years 8 and 9 during the spring and early summer. However, this year we have decided to try something different; we wanted to tailor the book choices to the tastes and ages of the students at Cheney as it can be a bit of pot luck with the Carnegie shortlist.

Mrs Fenton has put together a shortlist of six books that she has read and strongly recommends for Year 8 and 9 Cheney students. Most of the books have been published in the past year although a couple are a little bit older. Each book is an excellent starting point for further discussion on many issues including social isolation, self-confidence, reading for empathy and WW2. However, the main aim of the initiative is to encourage students to read something new - for pleasure! Not all of the books will appeal to everyone but the titles have been chosen to appeal to as wide a group of students as possible.

Over the next few months Mrs Fenton will be visiting reading lessons to introduce each book to students and to encourage them to have a go at reading them. Students will earn 20 house points for each book they read and multiple copies are available to borrow through the library. We are also looking at ways for students to share their views of the books they read, especially whilst we are all working remotely.

Details about voting for the favourite book are to follow.

Each book will be announced in turn through Mr Pavey's Thursday email and it would be great if parents/carers could also talk about the books with their children. If parents are interested in buying the books themselves, then please contact Mrs Fenton as we may be able to pass on the school discount.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

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