

## Summer reading 2022 for pupils going into Seconde Européenne

If you wish to progress in English you must get into the habit of reading regularly: articles, short stories, novels and so on. **We would like you to read the following book over the summer.** Please do not leave your reading to the last week. **The book review is to be handed back in September.** (Do NOT cut and paste from Internet, teachers use the same sites as pupils to prepare their classes and so recognise when you have plagiarised!!!)

### COMPULSORY READING: *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

#### **Book Review – write two pages max (i.e. front and back)**

1. Write a short summary of the novel by insisting on a passage that you enjoyed.
2. Write about two themes developed in the novel.
3. Do you enjoy reading books about time traveling? Why?
4. Would you recommend this book to a student? Why?
5. If you could time travel, would you prefer to travel in the past or in the future? Why?

#### **Other READING ideas if you want to improve your English.**

##### *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger

The story follows Henry DeTamble, a Chicago librarian with a paranormal genetic disorder that causes him to randomly time travel as he tries to build a romantic relationship with Clare Abshire, who would become his wife.

##### *Girl, Missing* by Sophie McKenzie

Lauren has always known she was adopted but when a little research turns up the possibility that she was snatched from an American family as a baby, suddenly Lauren's life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? And are her adoptive parents really responsible for kidnapping her?

##### *The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green

Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few more years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at the Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

##### *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

With the author's death, the classic novel about young Holden Caulfield's disillusionment with the adult world and its "phoniness" will only rise in popularity — and controversy, since it is a favourite target of censors, who often cite profanity and sexual references in their efforts to ban the book.

##### *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.