



## Year 8 English – Reading List

### Autumn – ‘The Modern Novel’

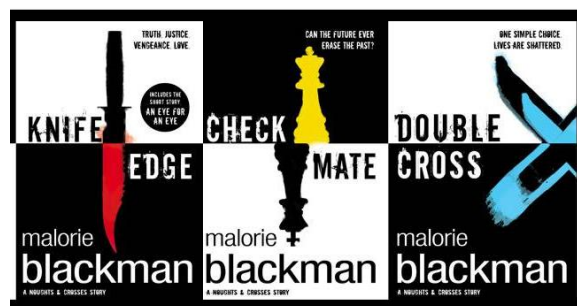
You will be studying one of the following ‘modern novels’ this term: *Noughts and Crosses* or *The Graveyard Book*.

Alongside this unit of work, you will be studying a range of dystopian fiction to develop your creative writing. The wider reading list below will extend your knowledge and wider enjoyment of the genre’s conventions.

#### *Noughts and Crosses*

If you enjoyed *Noughts and Crosses*, why not read the series...

- ***An Eye for an Eye*** (Book 1.5).
- ***Callum*** (Book 1.6).
- ***Knife Edge*** (Book 2).
- ***Checkmate*** (Book 3).
- ***Double Cross*** (Book 4).
- ***Nought Forever*** (Book 4.5).
- ***Crossfire*** (Book 5).

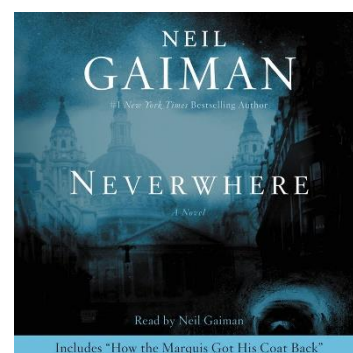


Please refer to our dystopian recommendations (see below) for books dealing with similar themes to *Noughts and Crosses*.

#### *The Graveyard Book*

If you enjoyed *The Graveyard Book*, why not try some of Neil Gaiman’s other works...

- ***Neverwhere***.
- ***Coraline***.
- ***Anansi Boys***.
- ***The Sandman***.



## **Dystopian Fiction**

- **Hunger Games series** by Suzanne Collins.
- **Divergent series** by Veronica Roth. These books cover quite a few 'genres' and ideas – a must read.
- **Maze Runner series** by James Dashner.
- **The Host** by Stephanie Meyer.
- **Uglies series** by Scott Westerfield.
- **Ender's Game** ('Ender's Saga' – Book 1) by Orson Scott Card. Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate.
- **The 5th Wave** ('The 5th Wave' Series – Book 1) by Rick Yancey. After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one.
- **Matched** by Alli Conde. A society where every aspect of your life is state controlled - even who you fall in love with.
- **Pure** ('Pure' – Book 1) by Julianna Baggott. Pressia barely remembers the Detonations or much about life during the Before.
- **Numbers** ('Num8ers' – Book 1) by Rachel Ward. Ever since she was child, Jem has kept a secret: Whenever she meets someone new, no matter who, as soon as she looks into their eyes, a number pops into her head. That number is a date: the date they will die.
- **Eve of Man** by Giovanna and Tom Fletcher. Against all odds, she survived. The first girl born in 50 years. They called her Eve....

