



**How Bookbuzz can benefit
your Year 7 and 8 students:
a practitioner's guide**

What is Bookbuzz?

Bookbuzz has been developed to support schools in getting young people excited about reading.

The **structured programme** of books and resources gives Year 7 and 8 students the chance to **choose and keep a book** they'll love from **16 fantastic titles**, selected each year by an **expert panel** of librarians, teachers and BookTrust reading experts.

Schools receive **all the tools required** to successfully deliver engaging sessions that **scaffold choice** and allow students ownership of what they read – an important factor in independent reading.

Costing just **£3.55 per student**, Bookbuzz offers a saving of over 50% on the books' cover price.

"Bookbuzz really does help create that 'buzz' about reading. From the moment we tell our students that they will get to choose their own book to keep, excitement fills the air."

Head of English



Why join Bookbuzz?

Research studies show the impact that reading by choice has on:

- driving students' language and literacy development
- progress across the curriculum
- mental wellbeing.

Bookbuzz supports over **1,200 secondary schools** each year to develop reading for pleasure, offering **choice and autonomy** to motivate independent reading.

Ideal for use in library lessons or in form time, the programme is easy to deliver and will support your team to:



- meet your school's reading goals
- fulfil the aims of the DfE reading framework
- inspire students' love for reading
- maintain the momentum of reading on transition.



"The most effective way to encourage KS3 students to read is to give them lots of choice and let them have a say in what they want to read. Bookbuzz has an impact because students feel like it's something they've chosen to be part of."

School Librarian

The impact



Schools using Bookbuzz have told us they can see:

- an increase in **engagement and reading motivation**
- reluctant readers **choosing to read** in their free time
- every student getting to choose a book and experience book ownership, **encouraging reading for pleasure.**



Our survey* of schools using Bookbuzz in 2024 showed that:



agreed that **Bookbuzz supported them in encouraging reading for pleasure**



agreed that **the choice Bookbuzz offers helps engage students in reading**



would **recommend it to other schools**

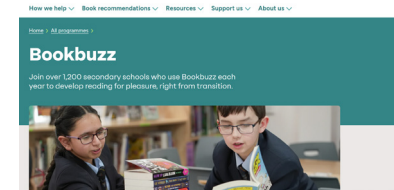
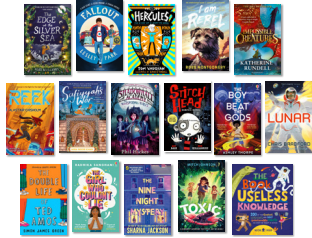
*344 respondents to our Bookbuzz 2024 user school survey, March 2025



Over **three quarters** of schools using Bookbuzz renew every year, which shows how valuable they find the programme!

The Bookbuzz programme includes:

**Just £3.55
per student!**



One Bookbuzz book for every student

Chosen from a selection of 16 titles, carefully picked each year by our expert panel to ensure the books offer age-appropriate quality reads for a variety of interests and reading levels.



The Bookbuzz launch pack

All the physical resources needed to deliver Bookbuzz including:

- two copies of each book for the library or classroom (32 copies in total)
- bookmarks and posters to create eye-catching displays
- a programme guide to support delivery.

Access to the new and exclusive Bookbuzz Coordinator Zone

With a wide range of digital and printable resources including:

- slide decks, parent letters and lesson delivery support
- the popular Bookbuzz author video
- book talk guidance, competitions and activities to get students engaged.

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