

Bookbuzz Secondary 2026 overview

**How Bookbuzz Secondary can
benefit your Year 7 and 8 students**

We've put together this handy guide to help you win over your budget holder or senior leader and get Bookbuzz Secondary into your students' hands.



What is Bookbuzz Secondary?

This popular programme of expertly curated books and grab-and-go resources for Years 7 and 8 has been developed by BookTrust to support you in **getting young people excited about reading for pleasure**.

Bookbuzz Secondary gives students the chance to **choose and keep a book** they'll love from **16 diverse and inclusive titles**, newly selected each year by our **expert panel** of librarians and teachers. Every year, the books include fiction and non-fiction titles across a range of genres and reading levels.

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

BookTrust has delivered books to 2 million Year 7 and Year 8 students through its Bookbuzz Secondary programme, helping them build positive reading habits.

Costing just £3.65 per student, you'll save 54% on the average cover price of the books.

"Bookbuzz Secondary 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 Secondary ?

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

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

Bookbuzz Secondary 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 Secondary has an impact because students feel like it's something they've chosen to be part of."

School Librarian

The benefits of Bookbuzz Secondary

Bookbuzz Secondary will support you in inspiring students' love for reading, helping to **meet your school's reading goals** and bring reading to life. 91% of schools say that they believe Bookbuzz Secondary helps their school meet the Department for Education Reading Framework's objectives on reading for pleasure*.

Benefits for students

- **Creates excitement** around reading.
- Generates a **moment of joy** when launch packs and students' individual books are delivered.
- Supports young people to **develop the skill of book choice**. Read more about **why book choice matters**.
- Offers students the **chance to have autonomy** in the classroom.
- Gives young people a sense of ownership as each student gets to **choose a book to keep**.
- **Increase reading motivation** with expert-selected and inclusive titles.
- **Engage students** with supporting resources, including fun author videos.

*231 respondents to our Bookbuzz Secondary 2025 user school survey, March 2026



Benefits for teachers and librarians

- **Saves admin time** with a specially designed programme that's **easy to deliver** in a way that works best for your students.
- You'll receive **32 new, high quality, diverse and inclusive books** – two copies of each of the 16 curated titles – for use in school.
- **Create engaging sessions** with our professional grab-and-go resources and supporting guidance.

The impact

Schools using Bookbuzz Secondary 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 recent survey of librarians and literacy leads* found that:



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



agreed that **Bookbuzz Secondary allows students to choose what to read, helping engage them in reading**



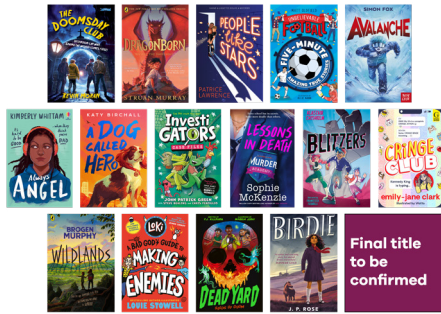
would **recommend it to other schools**



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

The Bookbuzz Secondary programme

Just £3.65
per student!



One Bookbuzz Secondary book for every student

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



Don't miss our early bird offer!

Sign up before **15 May** and pay before **26 June** to receive a bonus pack of books for your library worth £75!



The Bookbuzz Secondary launch pack

All the physical resources needed to deliver Bookbuzz Secondary Secondary 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 Secondary Coordinator Zone

With a wide range of digital and printable resources including:

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

Sign up now at: booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz-secondary



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