

Schools with a difference

Most people spend a few years at school and for some these are the best years of their lives, whilst others can't wait to leave. Perhaps if all schools were as exciting as some we read about, then no-one would ever want to leave!

Probably the most famous school at the moment is Hogwarts where Harry Potter and his friends Ron and Hermione are students. These books need little introduction and we have all seven titles available in Young Calibre.

HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE
15990

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS
16125

HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN
16151

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE
16123

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX
16371

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE
16472

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS
16699

Of course Hogwarts isn't the only school of the magical arts. **Jill Murphy** wrote about Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches, where Mildred Hubble is not the most successful student, in the Worst Witch Series (KS1 & KS2).

THE WORST WITCH
15498

THE WORST WITCH STRIKES AGAIN
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THE WORST WITCH ALL AT SEA

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Charlie Bone is just an ordinary 10-year old who suddenly starts to hear the voices of people in photographs.

Because of this he is sent to the Bloors Academy for the Gifted, in **Jenny Nimmo's** Red King Series (KS3), where he has some interesting times!

MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE

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CHARLIE BONE AND THE TIME TWISTER

16387

THE BLUE BOA

16403

THE CASTLE OF MIRRORS

16477

CHARLIE BONE AND THE HIDDEN KING

16549

CHARLIE BONE AND THE WILDERNESS WOLF

16672

Another unusual school is the Angel Academy (KS1). In this series by **Kate Tym**, Mo, Colin and their friends learn all about being little angels – how to fly, how to help people and how to stay out of sight!

ANGELS DOWN BELOW

16180

ANGELS UNDER COVER

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ANGELS UNDERWAY

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Not all schools are for witches, wizards, gifted pupils or angels, some are for ordinary pupils who sometimes get up to some unusual antics. **Jamie Rix** writes about Alistair Fury, an 11-year-old boy who wants justice and revenge for younger brothers. His campaigns are described in his War Diaries (KS2).

EXAM FEVER 16504

THE KISS OF DEATH

16505

SUMMER HELLIDAY

16507

Louis Sacher, an award-winning American author, writes about young people in America and some of the problems they experience. A number of his books have a school setting and are written for a teenaged audience (KS3 & KS4).

HOLES 16166

DOGS DON'T TELL JOKES

16397

THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS' BATHROOM

16494

Imagine going to a school where it is the staff, not the students, who cause pandemonium. Class three of St Barnabas School await their new teacher with trepidation - in walks Ms Wiz and nothing is quite the same again. Read **Terence Blacker's** books about Ms Wiz (KS1 & KS2) and discover what her special powers are! Here is a selection of the stories available from Young Calibre.

MS WIZ SPELLS TROUBLE

16015

YOU'RE NICKED, MS WIZ

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MS WIZ GOES LIVE

16019

MS WIZ LOVES DRACULA

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Dinah is very excited about living with a new foster family and starting a new school. She is shocked when she gets to school as all the children are so well behaved – robots almost. At assembly she realises that the Headmaster is hypnotising most of the pupils, but how and why? In the series of books about the Demon Headmaster by **Gillian Cross** (KS2 & KS3), Dinah and her foster-brothers find themselves investigating their head teacher.

THE DEMON HEADMASTER

15951

THE DEMON HEADMASTER STRIKES AGAIN

15992

THE PRIME MINISTER'S BRAIN

16313

Anne Fine's stories are very popular, some are written for teenagers whilst others are aimed at younger children. Many of her books are about school life, and some are very funny. Anne recorded many of her books herself for Young Calibre members to enjoy.

THE ANGEL OF NITSHILL ROAD (KS1 & KS2)

15753

BILL'S NEW FROCK (KS2)

16119

FLOUR BABIES (KS3)

15740

SAME OLD STORY EVERY YEAR (KS2 & KS3)

16115

If you would prefer to read about the schooldays of your grand-parents you might like to read **Anthony Buckeridge's** books about Jennings and his friend Derbyshire (KS2). You might be surprised, your sensible grandparents – and parents - could be naughty kids too.

JENNINGS AGAIN

15659

JENNINGS AND DERBYSHIRE

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Choose some of these books and experience schools that are very different from your own!

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