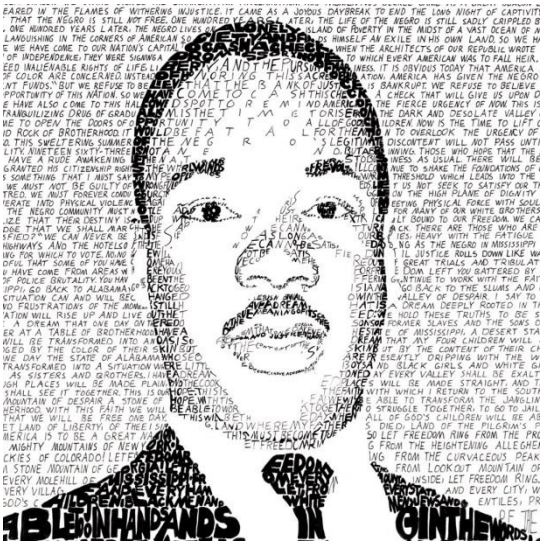
Spalding Grammar School
English Department

Year Seven Reading Focus: Inspiring Lives

Your current focus in English is on the ways in which language can be used to persuade and inspire. Your reading challenge this term focuses on the lives and experiences of some inspiring people – both real and fictional!

Gold challenge: ten of the following
Silver: seven of the following
Bronze: five of the following

Books marked * are more challenging reads.



The civil rights campaigner Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Title	Author
Stories for Boys who Dare to be Different	Ben Brooks
*The Diary of a Young Girl**	Anne Frank
I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**	Maya Angelou
Once; Now; Then; After; Maybe; Soon	Morris Gleitzman
I Am David	Anne Holm
Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
The Reason I Jump	Naoki Higashida
The Goldfish Boy	Lisa Thompson
*Fingers in the Sparkle Jar**	Chris Packham
I Am Gandhi	Brad Meltzer
Suffragette: The Battle for Equality	David Roberts
Adventures of a Young Naturalist	David Attenborough
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell
My Left Foot	Christy Brown
A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens
No Surrender	Constance Maud
Daughters of Time	Mary Hoffman
*Forgotten Voices of the Great War**	Max Arthur