



ISEB
Independent Schools
Examinations Board

THE ISEB READING CERTIFICATE

The ISEB Reading Certificate works alongside the core English curriculum and is designed to encourage and sustain habitual reading in Years 6, 7 and 8 across a wide variety of genres and formats.

While ISEB does not provide a specific reading list for any of our English exams, the Reading Certificate makes a formal acknowledgement of an individual or cohorts commitment to reading across a range of cultures, periods and literary forms, and is designed to expand pupils' experience and awareness of different genres and perspectives.

WHAT IS IT, AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

To be awarded the certification, pupils are encouraged to read a text under each category provided in the Common Entrance (CE) English specification (page 12). In negotiation with their teacher, pupils complete a task or activity, either individually or as a group, to show that they have read the text, demonstrating an understanding of the themes, format and content. Tasks or activities might take the form of a written review, a letter from one character to another, a podcast, a short video, a missing chapter, a map, or a spoken presentation among many other options.

HOW ARE CERTIFICATES AWARDED?

Once all pupils have successfully engaged with the range of recommended texts and genres and demonstrated their understanding, we request a small sample of cohort-based evidence is submitted to ISEB for moderation. This can take the form of a photograph of student work/activities, copies of their completed reviews or work and teacher declarations. Alongside submitted evidence, please provide a list of all candidates who have successfully completed and should be awarded the certificate, including their preferred name for their certificate.

Evidence can be submitted for moderation via the Schools Hub on the ISEB website: www.iseb.co.uk/schools.

ISEB will endeavour to return certificates promptly and accommodate prize-giving ceremonies and external events in the school's calendar, please let us know if you have a specific date in mind when submitting your evidence.

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	Free choice	Fantasy or science-fiction	Detective or crime	Text from another culture	Autobiography or memoir	A classic
Title and Author						
Student response						
Teacher comment and signature						