



January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**SOUTHERN SCHOOLS BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY
FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2024**

Your child has been an active, valuable and passionate member of the Southern Schools Book Awards Club for either KS3 or KS4. Students have met on a weekly basis to discuss their thoughts, after reading the texts by local authors who were selected for the shortlist. This month, they are writing and submitting reviews, as well as voting for their favourite novel to win the competition. On Friday 23 February, they are invited, along with many other schools in Sussex, to attend the Awards Ceremony to see where the authors attending are placed, have their books signed and enjoy an evening of all things reading!

When and where?

On Friday 23 February, the students will attend the presentation evening at Hurstpierpoint College to see the winner revealed. They will leave Seaford Head School at 3.45pm: please meet Miss Britton and Miss Wicks on the Arundel site at 3.40pm. Students can get changed, if they wish, as uniform is not compulsory.

Students will then travel to the Hurstpierpoint College, (the Bury Theatre in Hassocks), via minibus, to arrive at 4.45pm. The evening is due to end at approximately 8.00-8.30pm, so they should arrive back on school premises between 9.00-9.30pm, at the latest. Please arrange to collect your child from the Arundel site.

What do students need to bring?

Students will need to bring a packed tea: sandwiches, crisps, fruit and plenty of water. The awards will commence at 6.00pm and students will get the opportunity to enjoy talks from the authors involved, buy books with tokens gifted to them by SSBA, have their books signed and most excitingly, see the winner revealed. They may wish to bring some small change in order to buy refreshments during the break.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, Miss Britton or Miss Wicks.

We very much look forward to enjoying this exciting event for the second year.

The cost of the trip is subsidised by the whole school literacy budget, so there is nothing to pay.

If you would like your child to have a place on the trip please express your interest via ParentPay no later than Wednesday 14 February.

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Yours sincerely

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