

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 and 10 students,

Writing is a part of everyday life, from making plans with friends over WhatsApp, helping with children's homework, writing emails in the workplace or even making a shopping list.



However, 1 in 3 children currently leave primary school without the writing skills they need to succeed in life. To mark National Writing Day 2024 on Wednesday 19 June, we are very pleased to announce that Ravena Guron, winning author of the 2024's Southern Schools Book Awards, will be visiting Seaford Head School. Ravena is a London based, full-time Young Adult Literature author. Her novels usually feature antiheroines or snarky narrators. Ravena is a lawyer with a degree in biochemistry and hopes to use the knowledge gained from her studies to plot her books, whether that's wild fantasy adventures, or twisty murder-mysteries.

Ravena will be hosting an assembly for Year 9 and another for Year 10 to share her experience of her profession as a writer, and give insight to our students about her career path and the texts she has published. Later on in the day, she will be running a creative writing workshop exclusively for students who wish to sign-up in advance to participate – details on how to do so will be shared with students during English lessons. Ravena will also be hosting a meet and greet during break time in the AS LRC where she will be signing copies of her books. Her novels are available to pre-order and purchase in advance on the school shop via ParentPay. **Please do so by 9am on Monday 03 June** to allow us time to order and sort the stock. A list of the available texts, as well as brief blurbs, are included below. If your child is entitled to free school meals, one of Ravena's books can be purchased for them from the school budget for inclusion. Your child should request for this via one of the librarians.

We hope this celebration of the power of writing creatively will provide students with a great opportunity to celebrate the many reasons why people write - including creativity, self-expression, mental wellbeing, for professional or academic purposes, social action or human connection. We aim to encourage everyone involved to find their own writing motivation and voice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact. We very much look forward to marking this occasion with an exciting, enriching opportunity to raise the profile of writing.

Kind regards,

Miss L Johnson

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Catch Your Death, £5.49 - *When three girls are stranded at the grand Bramble Estate in the middle of a snowstorm, they stumble into a murder plot. Someone has poisoned wealthy Emily Vanforte in the middle of a family dinner - which means Devi, Lizzie and Jayne are trapped in the house with a killer and a mystery to solve.*

This Book Kills, £5.49 - *A high school killer is slaying their victims in line with a student's short story ideas in this gripping and original YA thriller, perfect for fans of Holly Jackson and Karen M. McManus. There's a murderer on the loose in an elite boarding school... But who is going to be next?*

The Thief of Farrowfell, £6.09 - *Desperate to impress her criminal family, 12-year-old Jude Ripon steals some rare magic from the Westons, one of the most powerful families in Farrowfell. Jude is infuriated when she realises that the magic is protected by a curse, which can only be lifted by returning it to the rightful owners.*