



November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Visit from Mark Ballabon – Friday November 18th

Year 8 pupils will have an exciting opportunity this term to have an author visit from Mark Ballabon, an author and environmentalist. He is going to be visiting the pupils to talk about his new novel for young people, *Home*. The novel is a thought-provoking reflection on bullying, self-belief and the climate crisis, for today's socially conscious and environmentally engaged young people.

Mark Ballabon will be visiting the school on Friday November 18th and all of Year 8 will be hearing him talk during PM reg and period 5 whereby they will hear about Mark's new novel, his journey to becoming a writer as well as interacting readings, questions and discussions. Please note that if your child is due to have a Food Practical lesson during period 5, then it will be rearranged.

If you wish to purchase a copy of Mark's novel for your child, then please pay £7.99 via ScoPay. The pupils will receive their copies of the novel during the author visit and there will be the opportunity for Mark to sign their copies, too. Please purchase your child's copy of the novel by Thursday November 10th 2022 at the latest.

If you have any questions about the author visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely,

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