

5 October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

### **English, Media and Dram Day – Year 9**

We will be celebrating our annual English, Media and Drama Day on Thursday 21 October and are very much looking forward to welcoming some “virtual “visitors. Award winning author Manjeet Mann will be delivering an online talk, workshop and Q&A session for our year 9 students, some of whom are studying her book ‘Run Rebel’.

Copies of Manjeet’s books are available to purchase via ParentPay, at the cost of £7.99 each. There are 2 titles available: ‘Run Rebel’ and ‘The Crossing’. Manjeet has kindly offered to sign bookplates to go in the books, which we aim to distribute on the day.

‘Run Rebel’ is a hard- hitting and fast paced verse novel about a girl who tries to escape the oppressively strict and abusive family life she experiences, dominated by her alcoholic father. Amber is trapped- by her father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. Now she's ready to fight - for her mother, for her sister, for herself. But freedom always comes at a price.

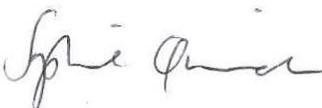
‘The Crossing’ is Manjeet’s new book, a profound story of aspiration, grief, and the very real tragedies of the refugee crisis. The lives of two teenagers from opposite worlds collide when a twist of fate brings them together and brings them hope, but will hope be enough to mend a broken world?

If your child would like to buy one of Lauren’s books, please make the payment via ParentPay by Friday 8 October at the latest. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept payments after this date as we have to allow enough time for the books to be ordered and delivered, ready for distribution on EMD Day.

We are sure the virtual visit from Lauren will be stimulating and inspirational, and that we will all have a great day.

Thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely



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