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Dear parents and carers,

Weald Carnegie Shadowing Book Club

Your child is taking part in the Weald Carnegie Shadowing Book Club, reading the shortlisted books for the Carnegie Medal and attending our regular meetings. The Yoto Carnegie Medal is a national award recognising outstanding experiences in reading for young people and is awarded annually by a panel of children's librarians to a book selected from a shortlist of excellent titles. Thousands of young people take part by shadowing the award in schools and libraries across the country and can vote for their favourite in the Shadowers' Choice Award.

Some of the shortlisted books this year are aimed at teenage readers and do contain more mature themes such as terrorism, bereavement, grief and violence, as well as some swearing. These are marked with an asterisk in the list below. Please rest assured that students who do read these books will be discussing them in small groups with a member of staff, so any issues raised will be put into context and interpreted carefully. The shortlist is as follows:

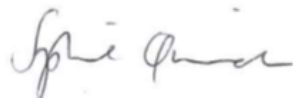
- October, October by Katya Balen
- When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
- *The Crossing by Manjeet Mann
- *Tsunami Girl by Julian Sedgwick
- *Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusuf Salaam
- *Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
- Guard Your Heart by Sue Divin- 14+ years
- Cane Warriors by Alex Wheatle- 14 + years

We will not be reading the last 2 titles with the Year 7/8 book club as they are not age appropriate.

Please could you indicate whether you give permission for your child to read these books, using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/tmCUD6PGJd>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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