



# Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

## Literacy Festival - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

It is almost time for our annual Literacy Festival! This year we have a range of wonderful events for students to take part in, including competitions, a website scavenger hunt, a 'Writes of Passage' whole school display, and book themed crafts. We also have the following fantastic events taking place:

### **Virtual Author Visit - Sufiya Ahmed - Years 9 and 10 - Tuesday 29th June**

Sufiya Ahmed is a part time writer for The Independent, and the Author of 'Secrets of a Henna Girl' and 'Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan'. Sufiya will be talking to us about her career as a former communications advisor in the Houses of Parliament, her road to publishing, and the inspiration behind her books. Sufiya has kindly given us 40 signed bookplates for any student that has a copy of one of her books. Students should pop to the library after school with their copy to receive one. First come first served!

### **Virtual Author Visit - Colin Stuart - All Year Groups - Thursday 1st July**

Today's schoolchildren are the Martian explorers of tomorrow. The first person to walk on the Red Planet is probably already alive and under 18 years old. Are they at our school? In this awe-inspiring talk, Colin Stuart, award winning astronomy author, speaker and co-writer of the Astronaut Test Guide with Tim Peake, will take us on a journey to Mars!

### **Virtual Author Visit - Tamsin Winter - Years 7 and 8 - Friday 2nd July**

Tamsin Winter is the award-winning author of Being Miss Nobody and Jemima Small versus the Universe. Nominated twice for the Carnegie award, Tamsin has won multiple awards for her fresh, funny, and moving fiction.. Tamsin has kindly given us 40 signed bookplates for any student that has a copy of one of her books. Students should pop to the library after school with their copy to receive one. First come first served!

### **Non-Uniform / Book Character Dress Up Day- Friday 2nd July**

For a £1 donation, Friday 2nd July will be a non-uniform day. In honour of our Literacy Festival, all money raised will go to the 'Read for Good' charity that provides books and storytellers to children who are very ill in hospital. Students are also invited to dress up as a favourite book character for a certificate and character points!

Find more details about the charity here: <https://bit.ly/3iDuRCH>

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## **Book Bake Off - Home Edition! Submission Date – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

After the huge success of previous years, we will once again be inviting any budding bakers to create a book themed cake! To participate, students need to take a photo of themselves with their cake and email it to [LJO@suttcold.bham.sch.uk](mailto:LJO@suttcold.bham.sch.uk). As we sadly will not be able to taste the lovely cakes this year, prizes will be awarded based on presentation and how well it links to a book. The first prize is a £20 Waterstones voucher. Who will be our star baker for this year?

We hope that our students enjoy all of the fantastic events on offer. Check our social media page for pictures and updates throughout the festival!

Yours faithfully,

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