



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

Literacy Festival - Monday 26th June – Friday 30th June

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Literacy Festival is almost here! This year we have a range of wonderful events for students to take part in and enjoy, including competitions, book-themed crafts, and a lunchtime showing of Matilda the Musical. We also have the following fantastic events taking place that we would particularly like to make you aware of:

Meet the Author- Special Assemblies and Book Signings

Jaspreet Kaur – Monday 26th June (Years 9, 10, 12)

Simon James Green – Thursday 29th June (Years 7-10)

A.M Dassu – Friday 30th June (Years 7 & 8)

We are excited to tell you that we have three fabulous authors joining us this year. Jaspreet Kaur, a spoken word poet and motivational speaker, will join us for a special assembly, talking about her life and career and about her book 'Brown Girl Like Me.' Simon James Green will be talking to us about his bestselling novels which include 'Life of Reilly' and 'Alex in Wonderland'. A.M Dassu, World Book Day author and bestseller will be discussing her books 'Boy Everywhere', 'Fight Back' and 'Boot It!'

Both Simon James Green and A.M. Dassu will be signing books for us in the library during their visit, and Waterstones will be here with a pop-up bookshop if students would like to buy a signed book as a lovely memento. Prices start from £6.99, and purchases must be made with cash only.

We understand that some of our students may be celebrating Eid on the days that the authors are scheduled to visit, but may still wish to have a signed book. We don't want anybody to miss out on the opportunity, so students are welcome to bring in payment for the book earlier that week, and we will arrange to have it signed and dedicated to them. Prices will be confirmed with students closer to the events. Students may also bring in copies of their own books to be signed if they wish.

The 'Sutton Girls Great Big Book Bake Off' is back! Monday 26th June

We are inviting our budding bakers to once again bring in their book-themed cakes and compete to be our 'Star Baker' of 2023! The winner will receive a £20 book voucher.

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All cakes will be sliced and sold for charity at break time for 50p per slice / cupcake. To take part, students must sign up in the library, and on Monday 26th June, bring in their cakes before registration to The Hub. A **full ingredients list must be provided** for allergy sufferers in order to participate. Character points and certificates will be awarded to all who take part.

Scholastic Book Fair Monday 26th – Friday 30th June

We are delighted to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during our Literacy Festival. A wonderful variety of books will be available in the Hub for students to browse and buy, with prices starting from as little as £2.99. For every book purchased our library will also receive 25% to spend on books! Please see the attached highlights booklet, for a taster of some of the fabulous books that will be available: [secondary-book-fair-invitation-summer-2023-2195276.pdf \(scholastic.co.uk\)](#)

Please look out on our social media pages for photos of the events as they take place! The Literacy Festival is a wonderful week, and we hope our students will enjoy the activities on offer.

Yours faithfully,

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