



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

Literacy Festival - Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Our Literacy Festival is almost here! The week in which our whole school community takes part in a wonderful celebration of the world of books!

This year we have a range of spectacular events for students to take part in and enjoy, including competitions, book-themed crafts, and a lunchtime film screening. We also have the following incredible events taking place that we would particularly like to make you aware of:

Meet the Author- Special Assemblies

Onjali Q. Raúf – Thursday 27th June (Years 7, 8, 9, 10,)

Sue Wallman – Friday 28th June (Years 9 & 10)

We are delighted to tell you that we have two fabulous authors joining us this year. Our first author is none other than Onjali Q. Raúf! Best-selling, award winning writer and philanthropist, she is very well known for incredible books including *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and *Night Bus Hero*. Aside from her writing, Onjali also spends a great deal of her time working with charities. The opportunity to have her visit is incredibly exciting; she has already achieved many accolades for her work and is most definitely an author who will inspire our students.

Sue Wallman is our second guest author who will be here to speak with Years 9 and 10. She is a best-selling teen thriller writer, author of books including *Dead Popular* and *Every Word a Lie*. Crime and mystery books are extremely popular with our students, and we know that this will be an exciting event for them. Sue will be talking to us all about how she became an author, her inspirations, and how she plots her crime fiction.

Book Signings with Waterstones

Both Onjali Q. Raúf and Sue Wallman 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 usually start from £7.99**, and purchases made with **cash only**. Students may also bring in copies of their own books to be signed if they wish.

Louise Jordan – Tuesday 25th June (Years 7 and 8)

Songwriter and Performer Louise Jordan will be with us to run sessions for Years 7 and 8 called 'HerStories.' These sessions are all about celebrating inspirational women throughout history through the medium of song! Exploring historical figures in a part concert / part workshop format, this is sure to be a musical extravaganza that will undoubtedly be informative and rewarding. For more information, please click here: [HerStories – Louise Jordan](#)

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The 'Sutton Girls Great Big Book Bake Off' is back! Monday 24th June

We are inviting our budding bakers to bring in their book-themed cakes once again and compete to be our 'Star Baker' of 2024! The winner will receive a £20 book voucher. 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 24th 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 24th – Friday 28th June

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be here throughout the week of the 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: [Book Fair Invite](#)

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

Yours faithfully,

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