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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: YEAR 7 AND 8 AUTHOR VISIT

The English department is excited to announce that, on Tuesday 27th June, students in years 7 and 8 will be attending a talk by Sarah Hagger-Holt, bestselling children's author of acclaimed LGBTQ+ novels *Proud of Me* and *Nothing Ever Happens Here*. Sarah's books are coming-of-age stories that explore and celebrate identity, family and self-acceptance; they are written in a style that is engaging and accessible for today's younger readers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn how to be better writers and how to make their ambitions a reality, as well as hearing about life as an author and Sarah's journey to success. In addition, Sarah will be hosting a workshop for the LGBTQ+ society in school later in the day.

To prepare for the visit, we are providing the students with the opportunity to purchase copies Sarah's books next week. Sarah will be available to sign these and answer questions after her talk. Unfortunately, books will not be available to purchase on the day of the visit.

All book orders are being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser, Amy Batchelor. Amy will be visiting the school on Thursday 4th May to allow students the chance to have a look at copies of the novels and make an order for purchase. Amy will be in the school library from 12.40pm until 1.45pm. Orders can be made in cash on 4th May, or alternatively you can order a copy by following the link below or scan the QR code to Amy's secure online store <https://amy-batchelor.sumupstore.com/>



Orders will need to be made on or before Monday 8th May; students should then receive the books in school a couple of weeks after this.

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding, the school will purchase a copy of one of the books for them. If they have a particular request about which book, please email this to lvass@langton.kent.sch.uk by Friday 5th May, otherwise one will be selected for them. If you are unsure whether this applies to you, please contact finance@langton.kent.sch.uk

There is no obligation to purchase a book, but we have found that students find the visit more engaging and worthwhile if they have read some of the novels mentioned in advance. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Vass