



Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer



Year 7 Read Up Kingston Author Event - Friday 17 November 2023

As part of our Read Up Kingston scheme, we have been lucky to secure a visit by author Cath Howe for our Year 7 students; Cath is the author of a number of books including her latest "My Life on Fire".

"At first, when Ren's house burns down, she feels lucky to be alive. But soon she feels sad and really cross. Why does everyone else have so much when she has lost everything? Maybe, thinks Ren, they deserve to lose something too".

Cath Howe is a children's author and teacher in South West London. "My Life on Fire" is her fifth novel, following her highly acclaimed "Ella on the Outside", "Not My Fault", "How to Be Me" and "The Insiders".



- We are excited to be able to offer her previous titles for sale at the specially discounted price of £6.25 each
- Deadline for orders is Wednesday 8 November 2023
- This can be paid on ParentPay. Alternatively it can be paid in cash to the Librarian
- Books can be collected on or after Friday 17 November 2023
- Students should complete the form overleaf

- Twice as many children and young people who had an author visit their school read above the expected level for their age compared with their peers who did not have such a visit (30.8% vs 16.5%)
- Children who had an author visit their school reported higher levels of reading enjoyment (68.2% vs 47.2%) and writing enjoyment (43.9% vs 32.4%) than their peers who did not receive a visit
- Children who had an author visit their school were also more likely to have high levels of confidence in their reading (36.8% vs 25.1%) and writing capabilities (21.9% vs 16.9%) than their peers who did not receive a visit

National Literacy Trust data from 2019 Annual Literacy Survey and the Great School Library Campaign.

We hope that your daughter will benefit greatly from this visit and tell you all about it.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V Hawksworth
School Librarian

Miss J Holland
Literacy Co-ordinator/Teacher of English



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