

5 October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

## English, Media and Drama Day – Year 7

We will be celebrating our annual English, Media and Drama Day on Thursday 21 October and are very much looking forward to welcoming some "virtual" visitors. Author A.M. Dassu will be delivering an online talk, workshop and Q&A session for our Year 7 students, some of whom have been studying her book 'Boy Everywhere'.

Copies of the book are available to purchase via ParentPay, at the cost of £7.99 each. A.M. Dassu has kindly offered to sign personalised bookplates for any student who wishes to buy the book, which we aim to distribute on the day.

"Boy, Everywhere" chronicles the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family from privilege to poverty, across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester. Once safe in the UK, Sami is bullied and decides he'd do just about anything to return to Damascus - including, possibly, becoming a stowaway.

His is a story of survival, of family, of bravery...and of how thin the line is between "them" and "us".

If your child would like to buy a copy of the book please make the payment via ParentPay by Sunday 10th October at the latest. Unfortunately we are unable to accept payments after this date as we have to allow enough time for the books to be ordered and delivered, ready for distribution on EMD Day.

We are sure the virtual visit from A.M. Dassu will be stimulating and inspirational, and that we will all have a great day.

Thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

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