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Dear parents

Year 7 Ali Sparkes Visit to PGS – Friday 18 November 2011

On Friday 18 November 2011 the Senior School English Department will be hosting Ali Sparkes (writer of children's fiction), and all Year 7 pupils will be attending this event. As part of this event, Hayling Island Bookshop will be on site at the end of the talk to enable pupils to purchase books and have them signed by the author.

In the morning, all Year 7 pupils will be invited to listen to Ali talk about her most recent novels and her experiences as a writer. Pupils will then take part in a competition whereby they undertake group presentations about ideas for a new and original story. Ali, Mrs Wilson and the local 'The News' education reporter, Aline Nassif, will judge the competition and winners will receive a signed copy of Ali's most recent book. After the competition there will be time for pupils to purchase a book and have it signed by the author before returning to period 8.

We have arranged a safe and convenient payment system whereby pupils can charge their purchases to their school account so as to avoid having to carry large sums of money. Pupils will need their library/lunch cards on hand on the day so that the bookshop can take their full name and school number. We will assume that parents are happy with this arrangement unless we hear otherwise. Please contact me at b.hart@pgs.org.uk if you would **not** like your child to purchase a book on the day.

We hope that the Year 7 pupils will enjoy this remarkable experience and that they take advantage of the book signing opportunity. It looks to be an exciting event.

Kind regards

Miss B Hart
Deputy Head of English