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Dear Parents

**Year 8 Myths and Legends Day – Thursday 2 February 2012**

On Thursday 2 February 2012 the Senior School English Department will be hosting an event with Philip Reeve, a popular author of fantasy and mythical literature. He is most famous for writing the Mortal Engines quartet. All Year 8 pupils will be attending this event.

In the morning, all Year 8 pupils will be invited to listen to Philip Reeve talk about his most recent novels and his 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 based on myths and legends work undertaken in class this term. Mr Reeve, along with Mrs Wilson, the Director of Studies will judge the competition and winners will receive a signed copy of his most recent book. 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 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 and 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 [e.bell@pgs.org.uk](mailto:e.bell@pgs.org.uk) if you would **not** like your child to purchase a book on the day.

We hope that the Year 8 pupils will enjoy this remarkable experience and that they take advantage of the book signing opportunity. It looks to be a very exciting event.

Kind regards

Mrs E Bell  
Deputy Head of English