

January 2025



Banbury Road
Kineton
Warwickshire
CV35 0JX

T: 01926 640465

E: kinetonhighschool@stowevalley.com

W: www.kinetonhighschool.org.uk

Headteacher: Ms Helen Bridge BA MA

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to be able to share with you our plans for World Book Day this year.

In the past, Kineton High School has celebrated this day in many ways; for the last two years, we have been lucky enough to invite authors Dan Freedman (author of the famous 'Jamie Johnson' football focussed series) and Mark Walden (author of the H.I.V.E series) to come and speak to students across Years 7 to 9.

Reading is one of the most powerful tools to unlock a love of learning, to broaden our imagination and to relieve stress. At KHS, we aim to foster a love of reading – not just for students' time at school but also in later life. This year, we are fortunate enough to have two authors come to see us: Stephen Kelman and Lauren (Wren) James.

- **26th February – Stephen Kelman**, author of 'Pigeon English' (2011) will be speaking to Y10 and 11 students P4 and 5 respectively in the Hall. 'Pigeon English' is the students' contemporary book studied for their English Literature GCSE and is inspired by the true story of Damilola Taylor. It was shortlisted for the Booker Prize and has become a national best seller.
- **3rd March – Lauren (Wren) James**, author of many young adult novels including 'The Loneliest Girl in the Universe' (2017 – shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal in 2019). They are also the founder of the Climate Fiction Writers League. They will be speaking to Y7 and 8 students P2 and 3 respectively in the hall and offering a climate change literature workshop to our Sixth formers. If you would like to purchase any of their books they can be found here: [The Loneliest Girl in the Universe eBook : James, Lauren: Amazon.co.uk: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/books?ref=author_homepage); Lauren (Wren) James has offered to sign copies in the library at lunchtime, and there may be an opportunity to purchase the books through Waterstones at the school site too.

For World Book Day, Year 9 will take part in a scheme called "no pen day", which is something schools can use to promote oracy and the art of speaking out aloud confidently. This has been utilised by the school before, to great effect, and often encourages debates around topical subjects related to the curriculum they are studying.

Please do continue to support your child in reading at home; as we know, reading can not only make a huge difference to students' confidence and skill in English and beyond, but it can also open the door to new and exciting worlds to feed their imaginations and develop a love of literature.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harriet Kirwan
Head of English

Mrs Cathy Thompson
KS4 English Lead

Mr John Larnar
Assistant Headteacher