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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to announce an exciting opportunity for your Year 7 child. On the afternoon of Monday December 3rd, author Joseph Delaney will visit school to speak to pupils in Year 7. Mr Delaney will be speaking to the year group in the hall about his books and the creative writing process. After the talk, pupils will have the chance to ask Mr Delaney questions about his books and writing and there will be an opportunity to have one of his books signed.

In the run up to the visit, English teachers will be reading some of Mr Delaney's work with their classes. Hopefully, this will give pupils time to think of questions to ask and get excited about the visit.

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading and enjoyment of writing. As a school, we are committed to promoting literacy across the curriculum. Reading widely and often greatly improves performance across all subjects at school.

We envisage that pupils will be inspired to read the author's books after the visit and this is a unique opportunity for them to have books signed. There is no financial contribution required for the author visit, but if you would like your child to have a book signed by the author the following are available for purchase via sQuid:

- The Spook's Apprentice (Book 1 of the Wardstone Chronicles) £6
- Arena 13 £6
- Aberrations £5
- The Ghost Prison £5

Payment should be made by using your online sQuid account. **PLEASE USE portal.squidcard.com**. Select the 'Trips and Offers' option, then select the trip or item you are paying for. Payment is to be made between 12th November and 23rd November 2018 – please note the deadline payment date. If you have any queries with sQuid payments please contact customerservice@squidcard.com

Please note that if the transaction amount is below £10 it is advisable that you top up your account by bank transfer or standing order to avoid the 25p charge levied by sQuid.

Books will arrive in school in time for the visit and will be available for students to get signed on the day.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Stevens and Maddy Beverley
School Librarian and English Key Stage Three Coordinator