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Year 10 - Virtual Author Visit with Louisa Reid & Josh Silver - Tuesday 8th April

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to be welcoming two amazing authors Louisa Reid & Josh Silver for a virtual author visit at **08.45 am on Tuesday the 8th of April 2025.** Students will be off timetable for period one.

This event has been very kindly organised by reading charity <u>ReadforGood</u>, in which they will talk about reading for pleasure and it's benefits at KS4, the authors backgrounds and how they got into writing. They will also be talking about verse & prose and the inspiration for their respective books.

This is an exciting and important whole year group event because nationally reading for pleasure has been shown to decrease during the teenage years at a time when young people's mental health and wellbeing could really benefit from reading:

"children aged 5 to 8 (66.5%) and those aged 8 to 11 (51.9%), those aged 11 to 14 (30.7%), those aged 14 to 16 (29.7%) and those aged 16 to 18 (40.0%) said they enjoyed reading in their spare time." - National Literacy Trust: Children and young people's reading in 2024.

Students are allowed to submit questions in advance that will be shared with Josh & Louisa, shaping the event. The link to submit a question has been shared on SatchelOne. Students will need to come to the canteen hall for registration as they would for a regular assembly day.

The library will have stock of both authors' work for students who are interested in exploring them further. If you have any questions at all, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Ms Barker-Harrold *Librarian*











