

## Year 7 Author Visit with Simon James Green Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your learners have had a great start to their time with us at Farmor's.

I am delighted to be welcoming Simon James Green, for an author assembly followed by a book signing in the library. Simon will be giving a talk on his work and career as an author of children's fiction with the theme of 'own the awkward'. The event will take place in the main canteen at **8.45 am and period 1 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

After the assembly, there will be a book signing in the library over break time. Students can pre-order one of Simon's books to have signed, or bring in a copy they already own. The library will also stock copies of his books which will be available for borrowing.

The book signing will be open to all students who would like to come and meet Simon.

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.

If you would like to order a signed book for your child, you will be able to do this shortly through parent pay. Below you can see the cost of the discounted books available which are being supplied by the wonderful independent bookshop, Octavia's in Cirencester.

Kind regards,

Ms Barker-Harrod  
 Librarian



Gay Club £8.35  
 Boy like me £8.35  
 A year of pride and joy hardback £13.75  
 You're the one that I want £8.35  
 Heartbreak boys £8.35  
 Alex in Wonderland £8.35  
 Finn jones was here £7.45