



Tuesday 21 May 2019

To Parents/Carers of all Pupils

Dear Parent/Carer,

Update following World Autism Awareness Week – Dean Beadle to visit on Tuesday 2 July

You may remember during the recent World Autism Awareness Week we confirmed that we had secured a date for a fantastic speaker on autism, Dean Beadle, to come into the school again.

Dean is an experienced journalist and has also toured the UK for ten years sharing his experiences of life on the autism spectrum. In recent years he has also spoken in numerous European countries as well as undertaking four annual seminar tours of Australia and New Zealand. Through his humorous and insightful speeches Dean outlines his positive outlook on his diagnosis.

Dean visited our school two years ago, when he delivered a really interesting and engaging insight into his experience of living with autism. With so many new pupils, parents and staff, we thought it would be beneficial to invite him to speak again. Dean will once again be delivering two sessions, an afternoon session for parents and older students, and a second evening training session for staff.

Due to limited space in our hall, spaces will be issued on a first come first served basis. Initially we will limit spaces to one space per pupil, to enable as many families as possible to attend, however, depending on responses, we may be able to offer additional tickets for those that would like them.

The parent session will take place on Tuesday 2 July starting at 1.45 and will last for one hour.

Pupils aged 11+ may also attend

Whilst Dean's talk is aimed mainly at parents, he does understand that older pupils may benefit from attending his talk as well, but he has set the minimum age of attendees at 11 due to content. If your child is at least 11 years of age and would like to attend, please give your permission on the attached form. We appreciate on the day that pupils may decide they don't want to attend, which of course is fine, but pupils must have parental permission to be given the choice.

If you would like to attend and/or if you would like to give your child the opportunity to attend, please complete the attached form and return to Mrs Edwards on reception by Friday 14th June. We will then confirm how many spaces have been reserved for you.

On the day, as parking spaces on site are limited, please may we ask parents and carers to park off-site. We do have disabled parking on-site for those that need it.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Ydlibi
Executive Principal

Mrs L Ives
Head of School

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Dean Beadle Parent Talk: Tuesday 2 July 1.45pm – 2.45pm

Please return this slip to Mrs Edwards on Reception by Friday 14th June 2019.

I **would like to attend** the Dean Beadle talk on **Tuesday 2 July at 1.45pm**

Print name in full Relationship to pupil.....

If additional tickets become available, the following people would also like to attend:

Print name in full Relationship to pupil.....

Print name in full Relationship to pupil.....

Print name in full Relationship to pupil.....

I/ we **would not** like to attend the Dean Beadle talk

For Pupils aged 11+ only

I/we **give permission** for my/our child to attend the above Dean Beadle parent talk. I understand that on the day they may choose not to attend.

I/we **do not give permission** for my/our child to attend the above Dean Beadle parent talk.

Pupil Name.....

Signed Parent/Carer Date

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