

24 November 2025

Dear Parent and Carer,

**Y9 Author Workshops**

We are delighted to inform you that Nicola Garrard, the author of '29 Locks', will be visiting us throughout this half term to deliver workshops to each Year 9 English class to help students with their revision for the forthcoming assessments.

The opportunity for students to meet Nicola Garrard and talk to her about her experiences as a writer is hugely valuable to the students in terms of both their understanding of texts and in developing their own writing.

As I am sure you can understand, there is a cost implication, however we feel that this is very reasonable for the opportunity to meet the author of their set text for this year. You are invited to contribute £3.00 by Wednesday 10 December 2025. This is available to pay on ParentPay. You are not obliged to make this contribution, but if insufficient funds are received, it will impact on other opportunities that we are able to provide for the students in English.

Parents/Carers should pay for the performance using ParentPay, at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) using their unique login and password. If you would prefer to pay by cash please request a barcoded letter from the finance department (tel: 01403 787223 or email [trips@theweald.org.uk](mailto:trips@theweald.org.uk)). You will then be able to take the letter to your local PayPoint retailer, where you can pay by cash.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



Miss J. Hindhaugh  
**Subject Leader English (Y9)**