

24 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**‘The Last of the Spirits’**

In September 2026, Year 8 students (currently Year 7) will study ‘The Last of the Spirits’ by Chris Priestley. This is the core prose text for Year 8 English and we ask that students are equipped with their own physical copy of the text to annotate and use in order to best support their skill development for progress in English.

Although we would normally send this letter out in the summer term to ensure that texts are ready for study in the Autumn term, we are aware of a potential supply issue with this specific text and want to be certain that all students have the text available. Therefore, we are recommending purchase of the text now.

We would suggest that you purchase the following edition of ‘The Last of the Spirits’ by Chris Priestley with the ISBN number 9781408851999.

If you have access to an edition other than the one stated this will also be suitable for students to use. The copy could be either a new or previously owned book.

It is possible to buy the recommended edition through the school for the reduced price of £6.95 by paying by Friday 14 November. Once books arrive in school, they will be labelled with your child’s name and stored securely in the stock cupboard until needed. You can of course request that the book be sent home to be kept safe for September.

Parents/carers should pay for the books 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 [finance@theweald.org.uk](mailto:finance@theweald.org.uk)). You will then be able to take the letter to your local PayPoint retailer, where you can pay by cash.

Should the cost of purchasing the text be of concern at this time, please don’t hesitate to get in contact with us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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