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## **Author Visit**

Internationally bestselling author AF (Annabel) Steadman visited Stanchester Academy to talk to Year 7 students about her inspirations for her hit series SKANDAR.

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief was recently crowned Waterstone's Children's Book of the Year, and the series has been translated in 45+ languages and with a film by Sony Pictures around the corner.

Students took part in a fun and interactive assembly, where they created their own unicorn and unicorn rider and found out their own elemental magic!

### Dates

2 May - NEU Strike Day

8 May - Coronation Bank Holiday

9 & 11 May - Y9 HE day with Bath University

10 May - Y7 Parents Evening



# Lord of the Flies

Year 7 have once again wowed the English department with their stretch tasks for the Lord of the Flies unit!

Pupils had a choice of tasks designed for them to creatively interact with the text, from baking a cake and designing book covers, to writing a follow on chapter!



## **Tickets on Sale for Stanchester's Next Two Productions**

With The Performing Arts Department now offering three shows per year, and on the back of 'Shrek', and 'Two', rehearsals are underway for the Summer production of 'Upon the Hill'.

This is an original piece, written by the cast of students from Years 7 to 9, with selected Year 10 Drama Students as Assistant Directors, with Mr Morgan at the helm.

This production will be performed June 28-30 2023 on Ham Hill at the Millennium Stones. Performances will start at 1800, and audience members are encouraged to bring a picnic, and their own seating and make an evening of it. Tickets are £3 and are available via scopay.





The next production on sale is the Teen edition of the hit West End Musical, 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'.

Auditions are currently underway for students in the current Years 8-10, with casting to be announced on May 9th.

This production will take place in the The Hall at Stanchester Academy, at 1800 prompt on Tuesday 5 to Friday 8 December 2023. Tickets are priced at  $\pounds$ 7 via scopay. It is advised that audience members are aged 11+, but this is at the discretion of their parents.

#### Guildhall Young Artists Taunton, Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Supporting music and drama students at Stanchester Academy

Unleash your creativity in a fun and supportive environment with Guildhall Young Artists Taunton, a Saturday performing arts centre offering a range of classes and performance opportunities for 5 - 18-year-olds in music and drama. We also run exciting summer holiday courses for 10 - 18-yearolds in music and drama and art, from 7 - 11 August. We have bursaries available to eligible families so you can start straight away and make the most of your talents.

Based at Richard Huish College in Taunton, young musicians and actors can develop their creativity and access high-quality training with top practitioners and industry professionals, across a variety of styles and genres.

With no auditions or previous experience necessary, Guildhall Young Artists Taunton is a great way to access Guildhall School's world-class performing arts training, make friends and have lots of fun.

For information or any queries please speak to Mr Morgan or call Tash Moore (Interim Head of Centre) on 07754217993, or email <u>gyataunton@gsmd.ac.uk</u>.

#### We hope to see you there.



