



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

5th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Lit Fest 2022

Our Arnold Hill Spencer Academy Lit Fest week will be taking place w/c 11th July and we are excited to share with you details of what we have in store for students!

We have three visiting authors - Lisa Williamson, Bali Rai and Dan Walker; performance poet, Dreadlock Alien and local comic shop legends, Page 45. We have included some information on each of our guests below and who they will be working with.

Lisa Williamson

(years 8-10 assemblies) was born and grew up in Nottingham. Following a degree in drama, she worked as an actor for over a decade before writing her debut novel: The Art of Being Normal, which went on to win the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2016. Lisa is also the author of All About Mia, Paper Avalanche & First day Of My Life.

Bali Rai

(years 7-9 assemblies/workshops) writes stories inspired by his working class Punjabi/Sikh background but his aim was always that his writing should be enjoyed by readers everywhere irrespective of class or culture. Bali hopes his novels capture the unique ethnic mix of the UK, of which he is proud to be a part of.

Dreadlock Alien

(years 7-9 assemblies/workshops) is a talented performance poet who has visited several times before and been a great hit with the students! In recent years he has increasingly acted as compere at arts events, such as the recent Shambala Festival and is just embarking on a tour of international schools in Malaysia

Page 45

(years 7-10 workshops) is a local comic shop whose goal has always been simple: to bring the widest range of quality comics and graphic novels available into contact with as many new people as possible. Stephen Holland, owner of Page45, is the current UK comic laureate.

We will also have a range of workshops delivered by our fantastic in-house teaching teams running throughout the week.

All assemblies will be delivered to the entire year groups and workshops will be specific smaller groups of students- these lists will be shared with students through tutor/year teams.

A selection of Lisa Williamson's and Bali Rai's books will be available to purchase on the day, cash only (exact money only please, no change available) please see prices below.

Authors are happy to sign any copies of their books for the students.

Lisa Williamson			Bali Rai	
Paper Avalanche	£7		Them & Us	£5
All About Mia	£7		Mohinder's War	£6
The Art Of Being Normal	£7		Now Or Never	£6
The First Day Of My Life	£7		Royal Rebel	£6

Kind regards

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