



Dear Parents / Careers,

The English Department is very excited to announce a visit from a published author on 17th May 2024. We are very aware of the high costs of travel and tickets if students visit authors / theatres off site, so in order to keep costs as low as possible and to create a fully inclusive experience for our students, we have been lucky enough to secure a full day with the renowned author, Sita Brahmachari.

All students in Year 7 and Year 9 will get the opportunity to have a 1 hour session with Sita, with a maximum of 3 classes engaging in each interactive session at one time.

All staff at Etonbury are keen to develop a love of literacy and reading in our students, and we feel this is an excellent opportunity for all students involved. There is no obligation for students to buy any of Sita's texts, however, she has kindly offered to sign any copies for free if students did want to purchase one of her books and bring it with them on the day of her visit.

Year 7 students will have a session based around 'Artichoke Hearts', a book which won the 2011 Waterstone's Children's Book Prize. 'Artichoke Hearts' is a book, written in diary form about a month in a girl's life when just about everything changes: her beloved bohemian grandmother is dying and she's falling in love with a boy in her class for the first time. If you do wish to purchase a copy, the book is available [here](#).

Year 9 students will have a session based around 'When Shadows Fall', a book which was named in the list, 'The Times' Best Books for Children 2021'. 'When Shadows Falls' is a tragic tale of loss, grief and a life spiralling out of control, that ultimately shines with hope and the power of friendship. If you do wish to purchase a copy, the book is available [here](#).

To help the school cover the cost of this amazing opportunity, **we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child.**

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's English teacher in the first instance.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Brookes' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mrs Kirsty Brookes