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Dear Parent / Carer

This term in their English lessons, your child has been studying a text called *The Lion Above the Door*. It tells the story of Leo, a young boy who embarks on a mission to find out about the forgotten heroes of the British war efforts, and in doing so, learns important lessons about his own heritage and identity.

We have a very exciting event organised in December: Onjali Q Rauf, the author of *The Lion Above the Door* will be visiting Stanground Academy to work with our Y7 students.

This will be a great opportunity for our students to learn about being an author – both the creative and operational processes.

In the lead up to this exciting event, we can exclusively offer 5 of Onjali's books that you can buy for your child to read at home, for the discounted price of £5 each. These usually retail online and in shops for £8, so this is a huge saving of £3 per book.

The five titles available are:

The Lion Above the Door - As the only Singaporean boy not just in his school, but in the tiny English village he calls home too, Leo witnesses - and feels - the impacts of racism every day. But on a class trip to a nearby cathedral, Leo's attention is drawn to a marble slab high above the doors of the hall. Right there, bang in the middle of a list of WWII war heroes, Leo finds himself staring at something incredible: his own name.

The Boy at the Back of the Class - On a perfectly ordinary school day, something extraordinary happens: a boy with pale skin, lion eyes and a tattered red rucksack walks in. Unable to speak English and seated at the back of the class, Ahmet 'the refugee kid' becomes the perfect target for bullies and rumours alike.

The Star Outside My Window - Following the disappearance of her mum, 10-year-old Aniyah suddenly finds herself living in foster care. With her life in disarray, she knows just one thing for sure: her mum isn't gone forever. Because people with the brightest hearts never truly leave. They become stars.

The Night Bus Hero - Meet Hector: a bully whose dastardly antics spiral out of control when, after school one day, he decides to bully a homeless man in the local park. But as London's most famous statues and emblems go missing and its homeless communities are pointed to as the thieves, has Hector managed to pick on the leader of them all? And if so, what can he do in a world that won't believe a word he says?

The Letter with the Golden Stamp - Deep in the heart of Swansea, Wales, lives a small girl with some big secrets to keep. Secrets that make her one of the best actresses on the planet - because no-one would ever think that, away from school, Audrey is the sole carer for her increasingly sick mam and her two younger siblings ... or a seasoned thief.

These are available now to buy through Vericool up to 22nd November and will be delivered by the author herself on the day of her visit.

Please get in touch with the English department should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully



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