



RIDGEWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL

27th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7: Frank Cottrell-Boyce at The Earls High School

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we have secured 30 tickets to see Frank Cottrell-Boyce at The Earls High School, where he will be talking about his new books: *COSMIC* and *The Wonder Brothers*.

About *COSMIC*:

Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster, or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.

'Five-laughs-a-page, fall off-the-chair funny.' – *Mail on Sunday*

'A writer of comic genius – he has something of Roald Dahl's magic, but more heart.'
– *Sunday Telegraph*

The day of the trip

This trip will take place on **Friday 8th March 2024**. There are two sessions, so students will either leave at approximately 8.45am for the 9.30am session or 10.45am for the 11.30am session. Exact departure and return timings will be communicated to students closer to the event. Students will need to attend in full school uniform and bring everything they would normally need for their school day such as equipment and books.

ParentPay and Consent

Tickets are subject to availability. This trip **is limited to 30 places** and the tickets will be offered on a first come, first served basis, and will be available from **Tuesday 27th February at 4.30pm**. Please note that due to the school having to purchase tickets in advance, the payment is non-refundable. The ticket cost is **£7.00** and includes entry to the event, transportation, and a signed copy of *COSMIC*. Payments for this trip close on **Tuesday 5th March 2024**.

There will be a consent form within ParentPay which you will need to fully complete to enable your child to go on this visit. It is very important that **all** the information requested on the ParentPay questionnaire is



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completed, including emergency contact details, necessary medical information, and full doctors phone number.

You have previously received your ParentPay login details but if you have forgotten or mislaid these, you will need to go the ParentPay website (www.parentpay.com) and click "forgotten password". You will then be emailed a link to reset your account. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this in school. The following ParentPay link will answer any questions you may have with regard to your online account and making a payment.

Link: <https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>

These activities are important in enriching and extending the school curriculum. They rely largely on the goodwill of the staff who are prepared to organise such events. It is vital therefore that all students who participate support the staff, and each other, by exhibiting sensible behaviour and full co-operation at all times.

In this context we reserve the right to withdraw any student from a visit or residential activity if, in the time leading up to it they:

- are excluded or suspended from school for any reason.
- repeatedly refuse to cooperate or follow the instructions of staff and fail to respond positively to appropriate warnings.

Ridgewood students are always an absolute delight on these occasions, and we expect that this will continue with this tradition.

NB: The trip is dependent on student uptake. Should there be insufficient numbers, the trip may be cancelled or there may be an increase in the cost of the trip.

Yours faithfully,



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