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Dear Parent/Guardian

It is good to be back after the Easter holidays. Everyone looks rested, although the 4 day week has meant that we are all slightly confused.

During the holidays Miss Gardner ran a very successful KS4 dance workshop I am very appreciative of the time Miss Gardner has devoted to her students. The four days of Easter School were well attended by year 11. Exams in Art, Design and Technology started this week so we are all wishing Year 11 well.

Years 7 and 8 worked with visiting author Jess Butterworth this week. Part of the Humanities course being followed by Years 7 and 8 is based around the book *Running on the Roof of the World*, written by Jess Butterworth. We were delighted that Jess could visit students and discuss the ideas and issues raised in the book.

Work on the infrastructure for IT is now complete and has made a significant difference to the speed of computers which in turn has helped to positively enhance learning in the classroom. The first part of the painting schedule happened during the holiday and the science corridor now has a fresh coat of paint.

As part of the Maiden Erlegh Trust we have already seen significant improvement to the site.

All of the school roofing needs to be replaced and I am delighted to let you know that the replacement schedule will be starting soon. By starting the project before the Summer Holidays we hope that it will be finished by September before any further serious rain!

Have a good weekend,

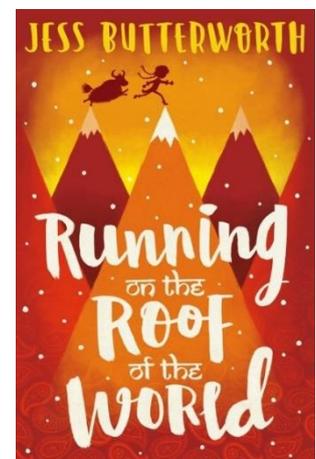
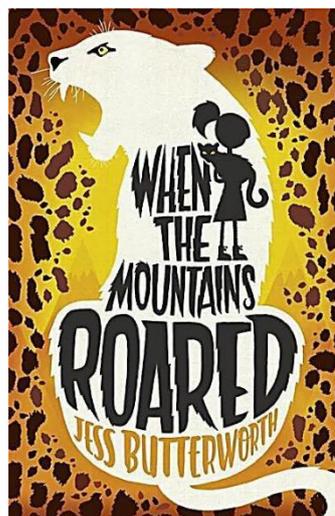
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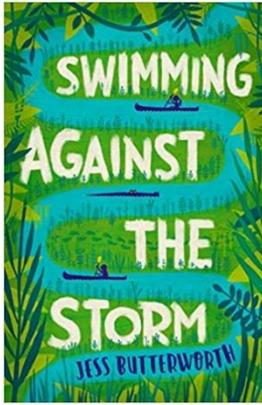
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This week the Humanities department was thrilled to welcome Jess Butterworth to Maiden Erleigh Chiltern Edge, she gave an interesting presentation to Year 7 and 8 students. Jess is the author of '*Running on the Roof of the World*', a book which KS3 students have used in lessons to show the links between Geography, History and RE. Jess was able to give the students a fascinating insight to where she gets the ideas from for her books, from meeting the Dalai Lama and living on the foothills of the Himalayas to canoeing through the swamps in Louisiana. Her books often have complex themes running through them and her recent book is an adventure set against the impact of climate change in Louisiana.

Jess was very impressed by how attentive our students were during her presentation and taken back by the range of questions they had for her at the end. One student asked Jess why she became a writer. "I remember sitting in school and listening to a presentation by author Philip Pullman which then inspired me to become a writer" was her response. Maybe Jess' visit did the same for one or some of our students this week!





Book sale

Jess kindly signed 30 books during her visit and we have in total 90 books for sale at a discounted price of £3.50 each, these are available to buy via the School Gateway, at the moment the books are only available for students in Years 7 and 8.

We have 50 copies of Jess' latest book *Swimming Against The Storm* – 10 signed

We have 20 copies of *When the Mountains Roared* – 10 signed

We have 20 copies of *Running on the Roof of the World* – 10 signed

Signed books will be sold on a first come first served basis

Have a great term and happy reading!

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