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Dear Parent/Carer

AUTHOR VISIT: SIMON JAMES GREEN

I am writing to you with some exciting news that on Thursday 23rd November 2023 the school will be visited by award winning young adult author Simon James Green.

Simon will be spending the day running creative writing workshops with students in Year 9.

We are hoping that we can arrange for as many students as possible to take part in these workshops. However, due to the limits on numbers it may not be possible for all students to take part.

As part of his visit, Simon has agreed to sign books for students. A short synopsis of each of his books aimed at secondary aged students is provided overleaf.

If your child wishes wish to purchase one of his books, please complete the form below and return to me **by Friday 20th October** so that we can order them in advance.

The cost of the book £6.74 will then appear in your School Money account. This will be more cost effective than using Amazon or Waterstones.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at Christian.Connell@attrust.org.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr C. Connell
Director of English

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Books written by Simon James Green:

Noah Can't Even: Poor Noah Grimes! His father disappeared years ago, his mother's Beyonce tribute act is an unacceptable embarrassment, and his beloved gran is no longer herself. He only has one friend, Harry, and school is...

Alex in Wonderland: In the town of Newsands, painfully shy Alex is abandoned by his two best friends for the summer. But he unexpectedly lands a part-time job at Wonderland, a run-down amusement arcade on the seafront, where he gets to know the other teen misfits who work there. Then as debtors close in on Wonderland and mysterious, threatening notes start to appear, Alex and his new friends take it on themselves to save their declining employer.

You're the One That I Want: Freddie is unremarkable - too unremarkable. He doesn't stand out in any way, and in fact teachers and fellow students keep forgetting who he is. Even his mum thinks he's a disappointment, and spends almost all her time at work, producing a TV show. After a particularly awful night when he embarrasses himself in front of Jasper Perry (the gorgeous teen star of Freddie's mum's new show), Freddie decides to follow a new, proactive philosophy designed to transform his social and romantic life: saying 'yes' to every opportunity.

Boy Like Me: It's 1994 and thanks to Section 28, there can be no mention of gay relationships in UK schools. When a kind librarian leads Jamie to a disguised novel in the library that reflects his own confused feelings towards boys, Jamie sees that he's not the only one who has checked the book out.

Heartbreak Boys: At the start of summer, Jack and Nate find themselves dumped as their respective exes, Dylan and Tariq, start up a new relationship together. Not only that, their exes start posting pics on social media, showing the whole world how fabulous their new life together is! Jack and Nate are reeling. Not to be outdone, they decide to create their own 'highlights reel' and show their exes that they're having an even better time.

Gay Club: Barney's a shoo-in for his school's LGBTQ+ Society President at the club's next election. But when the vote is opened up to the entire student body, the whole school starts paying attention. How low will the candidates go to win? Buckle up for some serious shade, scandals and sleazy shenanigans.

Book Order – Author Simon James Green

Please return to Mr Connell by Friday 20th October

Name of Student _____

Form Group _____

Book(s) I would like to order:

- Noah Can't Even
- Alex in Wonderland
- You're the one that I want
- Boy Like Me
- Heartbreak Boys
- Gay Club

Signature of Parent/Carer _____

Date _____