



Ripon Grammar School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may be aware, 2026 is the National Year of Reading and the Friends of Ripon Grammar School have very kindly donated funds to help us celebrate this.

The library staff, alongside the English department have therefore organised for a couple of authors to visit and work with our students. We are excited to announce that our first author, Ashley Thorpe will spend the day with us on Monday 12th October and will work with the Y7 and Y8 students. Ashley comes from Manchester and writes fantasy stories inspired by West African and Caribbean mythology, including 'The Boy to Beat the Gods' and 'Spirit Warriors.' His books have been shortlisted for a range of awards, including the Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

Ashley will give a presentation to Year 7 and 8 and his book 'the Boy to Beat the Gods' will be available for signing. The Little Ripon Bookshop will be providing us with copies of this book. If you would like to reserve a copy, you can do so on ParentPay. The books retail at £7.99, but thanks to the Little Ripon Bookshop, we are able to offer these at £7.00

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr Johnson or a member of the library team by email library@ripongrammar.com

Yours sincerely

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