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Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Visit of Jonathan Stroud (children's author) - Friday 13 November 2015**

We are pleased to announce that the acclaimed writer of the 'Lockwood and Co' series of books, Jonathan Stroud, will be visiting Bishop Wordsworth's School to promote his new book in the series, 'The Hollow Boy.' He will be in school on the afternoon of Friday 13 November. Jonathan has recently been nominated for the prestigious Carnegie-Medal award, and his books have been described as 'thrilling' and 'a pleasure to read'. Given the date of the event, and the horror genre, it should all be quite exciting!

All boys in Years 7 and 8 will listen to a talk given by Jonathan about this series of books as well as about writing in general. After the talk, there will be a book signing, where boys will have the opportunity of purchasing signed copies of Jonathan's books.

We have arranged a deal with Waterstones who are helping to organise the event. This will enable pupils to buy a copy of one of the series of three books, and get a second book for half price. Therefore, prices will be as follows:

£7.99 for one  
£11.98 for two  
£19.97 for three

There is, of course, no compulsion to purchase; but we're sure you agree that boys might appreciate having a signed copy of a book by an acknowledged writer whom they have seen in person. Therefore, if your son would like one or more copies of one of the series, please send him in with the cash on the day! Alternatively, you can pre-order over the phone via Waterstones Salisbury on 01722 415596, quoting 'Jonathan Stroud Event – Bishop Wordsworth's School'.

We have run these kinds of events before and they have always proven to be extremely popular and memorable for boys. We therefore hope and believe that this will be such an occasion.

Yours sincerely

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