



Cranborne Middle School

A Specialist School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In the first week of the spring term, the English and Music departments are planning to join forces to launch an exciting integrated unit inspired by both pre and post 20th century mystery stories. In order to 'kick start' this topic, we are planning a day dedicated to inspiring our Year 8 pupils with a variety of creative activities connected to stories told via novel form and through film. On Thursday 5th January, it is our intention to provide pupils with an off-timetable day, during which they will be involved in workshops connected to renowned classic stories, such as Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. We are hoping to book an innovative, experienced story-teller to stimulate our pupils' imaginations 'to the max'! Activities will include a whole year group 'hook', followed by workshops designed to enable pupils to marvel at the magic of the mystery genre and its link with mystical music, magnificent movies and modern multi-modal texts.

Through this exciting experience, pupils will learn a range of creative techniques, which they will put into practice when they plan and write their own spectacular stories during English lessons later in the term. In music lessons, and working in small groups, their stories and characters will 'come to life' as pupils put their compositional talents to use when improvising and experimenting with themed music to match the message within their mystery tales.

At Cranborne, we are continuously looking for ways by which we can enrich your child's educational experience. In order for us to be able to provide such opportunities within a creative curriculum, we should be most grateful if you would show your support for this activity by sending in a donation of just £2.00 per pupil, in a sealed envelope, marked 'for the attention of the English department'.

We look forward to a fascinating experience fuelled by fabulous, unforgettable fiction.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. H. Wemyss
English Department

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Music Department

I enclose a donation of £2.00 for the Year 8 mystery story integrated unit day/ guest story-teller.

Signed parent/carer of _____ 8HW/8EW/8DM (please circle)

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