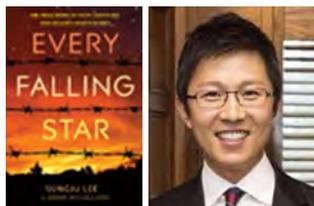


An Amazing Journey!

Michelle Waghorn reporting...

On Monday we were incredibly fortunate to welcome into school, debut author of *Every Falling Star*, Sungju Lee. Sungju captivated the audience of sixth form students, with his talk detailing his early life in North Korea, and his escape to South Korea at the age of seventeen. With both parents missing, he described the harsh conditions and horrific experiences he had to endure purely to survive, and at times it was hard to remember that this happened in the last twenty years. Sungju currently works tirelessly to assist



North Koreans missing or trapped in China, raising public awareness. After questions Sungju kindly signed copies of his book for both students and staff and was so popular we ran out of books! The talk was hugely beneficial to our students, offering them a rare insight into life under the North Korean regime paralleled today in many dystopian novels for our English Literature students and enhancing their studies in History, Philosophy & Ethics and Politics.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

YEAR 7 ACADEMIC INDUCTION

Please can I remind parents and carers that we have Academic Induction meetings next week after school, and to this end, you should have already received a letter. These meetings, although brief, are important and we very much hope you will be able to attend. On a related note, I would like to congratulate all our new Year 7 pupils on the superb start they have made at Sweyne Park; they have settled in incredibly quickly.

YEAR 11 LEARNING REVIEWS

After half term, we will once again be organising Learning Review meetings for families of pupils in Year 11. I hope these will be as productive as they have been in previous years and letters will be sent out shortly.

UNIFORM

As we approach half term and the winter months, I am sure some families will be buying new uniform. With this in mind, please can I remind parents and carers that black jeans are not permitted, trousers should be full length (not ankle length) and trainers should not be worn in school. If you are in doubt, please do speak with your child's Head of Year. Thank you for your support.

PTA QUIZ

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another successful quiz last night. There was a real sense of community and I hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday
5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays



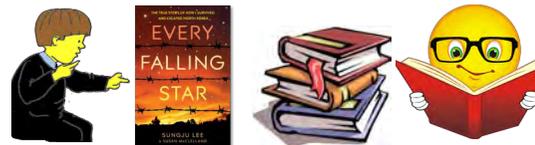
Book of the Week

EVERY FALLING STAR
THE TRUE STORY OF HOW I SURVIVED
AND ESCAPED NORTH KOREA
By Sungju Lee

A rare and incredible glimpse into life in North Korea. Sungju Lee describes his early life before he managed to defect to South Korea as a teenager. After his family were exiled from the capital, life was much harder in the North. At the age of 12 Sungju was alone and having to fend for himself. In order to survive, he joined a gang of street boys. This is his compelling and true story.

SUNGJU LEE

IN SCHOOL, MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER!



DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Katie, Millie, Sasha & Ria (8AHu),

Ellie, Caitlyn, Dakota, Mia, Izobel & Kerry (8ENi)

Pupil Services

ESSEX YOUNG POET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Lucy (10LMO) & Molly (8DGA) who both received Highly Commended for their poems at the Essex Young Poet of the Year Award ceremony in Chelmsford on Saturday. Lucy's poem *The Letter*, also came in THIRD place overall. A fantastic achievement for both girls - well done!

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HONESTY BOX

Charis & Lara (7SCm) & Zoe (7JBL) for handing in a mobile phone.



Au Château de la Baudonnière

Château de la Baudonnière 2016



Bonjour, ça va?

By Mrs Heike Stenson

In September this year, 25 pupils from Years 10 to 13 spent a few educational days at the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy in France. Activities included the 'Parcours de Santé' (an obstacle course in mud), a visit to a local market where we purchased our own sandwich filling; watching a French film in a local cinema and a visit to Arromanches near the Gold Beach at the Normandy landing beaches where British troops landed on D-Day 1944. Finally we learnt details about the 'Tapisserie de Bayeux', the world-renowned tapestry depicting the Battle of Hastings in 1066. We finished our day in a Crêperie, sampling savoury and sweet crêpes.

All instructions during the activities and the film were in French - quite a challenge, which our pupils solved successfully!



Le Parcours de Santé (obstacle course)



Mud Packs!



Tasting a local delicacy - les escargots (snails)



At Arromanches, Gold Beach, Normandy



La Fabrication du Pain (bread making)



Thoroughly exhausted but enjoyed getting dirty!



Working as a team to balance the board



Catching up on school work