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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for our Year 10 students. After the Easter holiday, on Wednesday 17 April, we will have the author Damien Hine visiting the school for the day. He is the author of the fantasy trilogy series *The Hearthmark Chronicles*.

Our Year 10 students will be sitting English Language Paper 1 during the end of year exams. In this paper they are required to complete a narrative or descriptive piece of writing which is worth 50% of the paper (25% of their whole English Language GCSE). As part of their revision, we have organised for all Year 10 students to participate in a writing workshop with Damien Hine. He will look at the key skills needed for this question.

Each Year 10 English class will take part in the workshop alongside their English teacher in U5. The day is organised as follows:

- Period 1- 10EU - NSP
- Period 2- 10ET - KHI
- Period 3- 10ES - DOW
- Period 4- 10EO - SOW
- Period 5- 10ER - IGI

If students wish to buy a copy of his signed book, Damien Hine will be selling a single book for £8 or the trilogy for £20. (Please note that payment is to be made in cash on the day, not via ParentPay on this occasion).

I hope that this will be a great opportunity to kick start the students' revision for their final Year 10 exams.

Your faithfully

Isobel Gill
Head of English

