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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: *Helen Dennis Author Visit*

Year 7 Wednesday 6th July 2022

We are delighted to tell you that prize-winning Sussex author Helen Dennis will be visiting our school on Wednesday 6th July to speak to all students in Year 7. Helen is an entertaining and inspiring speaker and it promises to be a fantastic day.

Helen won the silver trophy in the Sussex Coast Amazing Book Awards for her gripping novel *River of Ink: Genesis*. What if a teenage boy washed up on the banks of the River Thames, soaked to the skin and unable to explain who he is? What if the only clue to the boy's identity is a sketch he made of a strange symbol? Who would help him? Who would hunt him? Who is River Boy? *River of Ink* is a thrilling new series packed with adventure with illustrated narrative running through it, helping readers to solve the mystery alongside the characters in the story.

Writing as H L Dennis, Helen has also published the six-volume *Secret Breakers* series with real codes, real mysteries and real danger. A Da Vinci Code for kids ...Imagine the chance to solve the Voynich Manuscript - a puzzle that has truly defeated adults for centuries. It's an ancient manuscript no one has ever been able to decipher. *Secret Breakers* follows a team of young code-crackers and their friends through interlocking adventures as they battle to solve the mystery of the world's most mysterious unbroken code!

At the end of the year group session in the hall, students will have the opportunity to buy copies of the first two books in each series and have them signed and dedicated by Helen. Book Nook bookshop in Hove have kindly offered us a discount on copies and these will be available for sale on the day, priced at £7 for *River of Ink: Genesis* and £6 each for the rest. Sales will be cash only on the day and we would appreciate it if students could please try to bring the correct change as this will greatly reduce time spent in the queue.

We do realise that not all families will wish to spend out on books at the moment, but please be reassured that all of Helen Dennis's book titles are available to borrow from the library and students can find out more about the author and her work online: <http://helendennisbooks.com/>.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Kemp
Librarian