



Welcome to National Teen Book Club



Dear parent/carer,

National Teen Book Club is an after-school programme held online over the course of four weeks. Created to help 11-19-year-olds enjoy reading within a welcoming peer community, it introduces six books for teens over the course of a year.

National Teen Book Club is taking place during 2023/2024 with sessions on Wednesdays at 3.30 – 4.30pm on:

- 20th September – 11th October 2023
- 15th November – 6th December 2023
- 17th January – 7th February 2024
- 28th February – 20th March 2024
- 24th April – 15th May 2024
- 19th June – 10th July 2024

Participants will read the same book at the same pace, and attend four weekly sessions online to engage in book discussions, pose questions to speakers and take part in activities like polls. During our live Q&As, they'll gain insights and advice from people working in industry e.g. authors, illustrators, publishers, and literary agents, as well as other speakers from varied career backgrounds with a passion for reading or links to our featured book. The final week Q&A session will be with the author of the book we are reading!

This is an exciting opportunity that will develop English reading and writing skills, explore citizenship and PSHE topics, support mental health and wellbeing, and offer insights into careers whilst building confidence and essential skills for CVs and college/university applications.

For your child to participate, please complete and return the attached Consent Form to their school. The school will provide further information on how your child can access a discounted copy of our featured books.

You can find further information on the programme at:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/national-teen-book-club/>

Our Safeguarding Policy can be viewed at:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/safeguarding-policy/>

Our Data Protection Policy can be viewed at:

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/privacy-centre/>

Please note: Full National Teen Book Club sessions are recorded and uploaded for participants onto Speakers for School pages online. It is the responsibility of the school/college to manage permissions for engagement during live sessions as per any social media/photography/audio recording/video recording they have signed with the school/college. Our recordings are edited to exclude the faces and full names of students and educators shared during live sessions.

**Many thanks,
the National Teen Book Club team**

Student Name: _____

Year Group: _____

Student Email Address: _____

I consent for my child (aged 11-19) to attend the National Teen Book Club at school/college.

- I give permission for my child (named above) to join the live National Teen Book Club sessions as part of a group from school/college on Wednesdays from 3.30 – 4.30pm.
- I give permission for my child to watch National Teen Book Club recordings at school/college during sessions arranged by the educator on alternative dates.
- I give permission for their name and school email address to be shared with Speakers for Schools if required for specific activities (e.g. competitions, guest hosting, promotion).
- I consent to the Data Protection Policy and the Safeguarding Policy on behalf of my child.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Printed name of Parent or Guardian

Date
