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Dear Parents/Carers,

AUTHOR VISIT 21 OCTOBER 2024 - LAURA BATES

We are delighted to have been given the opportunity for your daughter to meet the writer, activist and speaker, Laura Bates on Monday 21 October who will be talking about her new novels, 'Sisters of Sword and Shadow' and 'Sisters of Fire and Fury'. **The talk will take place in the school day, during P4 for Y9 and Y10 and during P5 for Y12 and Y13.** The talk is free of charge but if they wish, students can purchase books online beforehand at a discounted rate via the Tring Bookshop. Any books purchased using the following link will be delivered to the school on the day and there will be a book signing at lunchtime if students wish to get their copies signed by Laura.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/sisters-of-sword-and-shadow/>

More about the author:

Laura Bates is the founder of the Everyday Sexism Project, an ever-increasing collection of over 200,000 testimonies of gender inequality, with branches in 25 countries worldwide. She writes regularly for the Guardian, Telegraph and the New York Times amongst others and won a British Press Award for her journalism in 2015. She works closely with politicians, businesses, schools, police forces and organisations from the Council of Europe to the United Nations to tackle gender inequality. She was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to gender equality in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2015 and has been named woman of the year by Cosmopolitan, Red Magazine and The Sunday Times Magazine.

Her new works of fiction follow a range of best-selling nonfiction titles, including 'Everyday Sexism', published in 2014, which was shortlisted for Waterstones Book of the Year and 'Girl Up', a survival guide for teenage girls, which was a Sunday Times bestseller. Her most recent nonfiction book, 'Fix the System, Not the Women', was published in 2022 and named one of Waterstones' Best Books of 2022.

'Sisters of Sword and Shadow' and 'Sisters of Fire and Fury' are Laura's debut fantasy novels – a sweeping duology, exploring questions about power, courage and the stories we tell about the past.

More on the book:

What if the Knights of the Round Table had a female counterpart? This epic Arthurian fantasy reimagining would appear to fans of Leigh Bardugo and Sarah J. Maas.

Destined for an arranged marriage, Cass dreams of freedom. So when a fierce and beautiful leather-clad woman rides up and offers to take her away, Cass doesn't hesitate to join her. She is introduced to the Sisters of Sword and Shadow – a group of female knights training to fight, protect their community and right the wrongs of men. Drawn into a world of ancient feuds, glorious battles, and deadly intrigue, Cass soon discovers she holds a power that could change not only her own fate but that of her entire sisterhood.

How to purchase a copy

Please go to the [Tring Bookshop website](#) to take advantage of the special offer available for this event, with the paperback edition of 'Sisters of Sword and Shadow' discounted to £6.25. The second book, 'Sisters of Fire and Fury' is also [available in hardback, discounted to £15](#). The offers end 20 October. Purchased copies will be brought to the school on the day for students to collect. There will also be the option to buy books on the day of the school visit with card payments preferred.

This will be a great chance for your daughter to hear from a fascinating author and speaker about her writing and activism, hearing valuable insights into the real-life applications of storytelling and nonfiction writing.

If you have any questions about the event or would like to know more, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

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