



St Katherine's School



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Ben Kane is a novelist, specialising in historical fiction. He is best known for The Forgotten Legion, Spartacus and Hannibal book series. Six of his eight novels have been Sunday Times bestsellers, and his books have been published in more than ten countries, including the USA, Italy, Spain, Greece, Russia and the Netherlands. An expert on Ancient Rome, Ben will be visiting St Katherine's School to talk about his books and discuss what life would have been like for a Roman soldier.

Year 8 students have been using the Cambridge Latin Course as a stimulus text to produce their own creative writing, focusing on writing with accuracy and imagination. Looking at Latin enables us to unpick English grammar and helps students to understand how language works. At the same time, we are able to engage with the fascinating lives of the Ancient Romans, using Pompeii in the run up to the eruption of Vesuvius as a focus.

Kane will visit St Katherine's School on Tuesday 13 March from 9.50am - 10.50am. All Year 8 students are required to take advantage of this exciting opportunity. Key Stage 5 literature students are also invited to take advantage of the opportunity to enhance their cultural capital.

Ben will also have signed copies of his bestselling novels 'Sparticus: The Gladiator', 'Hannibal Enemy Of Rome' and 'Eagles At War' available for students to buy on the day at a cost of £8.

A voluntary contribution of £2 to assist with the cost of having a best selling author here at St Katherine's School is requested.

If you have any queries regarding this letter please contact me on [jeffersonj@skdrive.org](mailto:jeffersonj@skdrive.org) or 01275 373737.

Yours sincerely,

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