



Library trip to Edinburgh International Book Festival Baillie Gifford Schools' Programme Tuesday 22 August 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

has put his/her name down for the school excursion to the Edinburgh Book Festival. Please return the attached consent form to the school to secure a place.

Travel Arrangements

We shall meet outside the school office after Registration.

The coach is due to arrive back at the school in time for the school buses.

School uniform is to be worn.

Event Details

Remember to bring a packed lunch and/or money for the cafeteria and bookshop. Students must stay within the grounds of the Book Festival during our visit.

The programme states:

Will Hill & Jason Wallace:

After the Encounter

How do you write stories based on real lives? Can those stories help people who have gone through difficult experiences of their own? YA novelists Will Hill and Jason Wallace discuss how traumatic reality influences fiction as they introduce their powerful novels based on true stories.

Biography

Will Hill is the author of the bestselling *Department 19* series. He was a bookseller and a publisher before becoming a full-time writer, and has contributed short stories to award-winning anthologies. Jason Wallace was born in England but emigrated to Zimbabwe when he was 12 and Africa is very much in his blood. His first book, *Out of the Shadows*, was inspired by his own school experiences.

Past Continuous, Future Perfect
with **Holly Bourne & Cat Clarke:**

How do you handle the constant changes taking place in your life as you grow up? Sometimes it's easy to feel left behind. This is the focus of authors Holly Bourne and Cat Clarke in their latest books for teens, *And a Happy New Year?* and *Girlhood*. Join them to discover how their characters deal with difficult pasts and uncertain futures, and how ultimately they are able to move forward with a clearer sense of self.

Biography

Holly Bourne is the bestselling author of *The Spinster Club* books, about a group of girls who start a feminist grassroots campaign group. She is a keen advocate for women's rights and mental health issues, and works with many charities to help improve the rights and lives of young people. CILIP Carnegie Medal-nominated Cat Clarke was born in Zambia and brought up in Edinburgh and Yorkshire. She has written non-fiction books for children and now writes contemporary YA novels.

Each student will be given a £3 voucher by the Festival organisers as a discount for books bought at the Festival bookshop on the day.

Cost

Thanks to a travel grant from the Festival organisers, the cost of the excursion has been reduced to £6.00. Please bring cash or a cheque made out to East Lothian Council to the school library, or pay online on the East Lothian Council website. We are unfortunately not able to give a refund if a student is unable to go, unless someone else is found to take their place.

Please contact Mrs Fry if you have any queries about the trip.