THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Author Visit – Chris Bradford

We are delighted to announce that award-winning author Chris Bradford will be visiting The Mountbatten School on the afternoon of Tuesday 30 June 2026.

Chris Bradford is the bestselling author of the hugely popular Young Samurai and *BODYGUARD* series. His books are renowned for their fast-paced action, adventure and suspense and have sold over three million copies worldwide. Before becoming a full-time author, Chris was a professional musician and teacher. He is also a martial artist and uses what he calls "method writing" to research his novels. For example, he trained in samurai swordsmanship, karate and ninjutsu while writing the *Young Samurai* series, and qualified as a professional bodyguard while researching his *BODYGUARD* books. His exciting author events often include demonstrations, audience participation and stories about the real-life experiences that inspire his writing.

All Year 7 students will have the opportunity to attend Chris Bradford's author talk and live show. This promises to be an engaging and memorable event that will inspire students to read, write and explore new books. We have plenty of copies of Chris Bradford's book available in the library and over the next few weeks', students will be introduced to his work in their weekly library lesson.

Exclusive Opportunity to Purchase Signed Books

As part of the visit, students can pre-order signed copies of Chris Bradford's books. To ensure books are signed and delivered to students on the day, all orders must be placed before the event. Alternatively, orders can be made in the same way until the Tuesday 7 July, but may not be dispatched or delivered for two weeks.

To order:

1. Visit www.burningcandle.co.uk
2. Add your chosen book(s) to your cart.
3. Select "The Mountbatten School 30/6" as the event.
4. Enter your child's name in the comment box.

This information will ensure that books are signed personally and delivered to students either on the day of the event or within a few days afterwards.

The following discount codes are available for pre-orders:

- 1OFF – £1 off a pre-order
- 5OFF – £5 off when purchasing 3 books

Please note that signed books can only be guaranteed through advance orders. A book poster featuring the titles available to purchase and more information attached to this letter.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Chris Bradford to The Mountbatten School and sharing this exciting opportunity with our Year 7 students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Ludgate
Head of English and Leader of Literacy