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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming author & Everest summiteer, **MATT DICKINSON**, on **Friday 2nd February**.

Matt Dickinson asked for a pair of mountain boots for his tenth birthday and has never looked back! He will introduce us to his life of adventure showing dramatic images from Everest, Antarctica and the Arctic, bringing his intrepid adventures alive. He will also talk about some of the inspirational female explorers he has made documentaries about such as Chantal Mauduit who was the first to summit a previously unclimbed Antarctic peak. Matt will then share how these experiences have inspired his writing as he reads extracts from some of his books.

Matt is the author of several acclaimed young adult novels, including the trilogies *The Everest Files* and *Mortal Chaos*. We are currently sourcing a selection of his books which will be available to purchase at discounted rates on Wisepay before the day. A separate email will be sent out as soon as we know the prices of the books available.

All students in year 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to meet Matt and get any books purchased signed by him. Of course, pupils are under no obligation to buy books but we do want to alert you to this opportunity in order to avoid disappointment on the day. Often pupils are very inspired to read the author's book after such a visit and this is a unique opportunity for them to have books signed and personally dedicated.

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading. We hope all students will benefit greatly from this visit.

Yours sincerely,

Ms G McHale, Librarian
Mrs J Ruffhead, Head of Humanities

"Pupils flourish and support each other to succeed"

