

24th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to welcome another fantastic author, **Chris Bradford**, to Worthing High School on Wednesday 2nd March to talk to our Year 7/8 students. This is one of our World Book Day events. It will take place during periods 1 and 2 and all students will be escorted to the sports hall by their period 1 subject teachers.

About Chris Bradford

"I write the type of books I'd want to read - books filled with relentless action, believable characters and a plot that twists and turn through the pages!"

As an author, Chris Bradford employs a technique he terms 'method-writing'.

For his award-winning [Young Samurai](#) series, he trained in iaido (samurai swordmanship), karate, ninjutsu and earned his black belt in Zen Kyu Shin Taijutsu. Previously he has trained in judo, muay thai and kickboxing.

For his [BODYGUARD](#) series, Chris embarked on an intensive close protection course to become a qualified professional bodyguard. During his training, he acquired skills in unarmed combat, defensive driving, tactical firearms, threat assessments, surveillance, and even anti-ambush exercises.

And for the [Soul](#) trilogy, Chris travelled extensively to experience first-hand the cultures featured in the story – from living with the Shona people in Zimbabwe, to trekking the Inca trail, to meditating in a Buddhist temple amid the mountains of Japan.

His best-selling books are published in over 25 languages and have garnered more than 30 children's book award nominations, winning among others the Northern Ireland Book Award 2011, Hampshire Book Award 2014, the Brilliant Book Award 2014 and the Quick Read 2017. *Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior* was deemed one of Puffin's 70 Best Ever Books, alongside Treasure Island and Robin Hood.

Before becoming a full-time author, he was a professional musician (who once performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II), a songwriter and music teacher. He has written five non-fiction books on music, including the critically acclaimed *Heart & Soul* (Sanctuary, 2005).

He lives on the South Downs, England with his two sons.

Chris Bradford is renowned for his unique and dynamic performances that combine interactive readings, audio-visual material and martial arts displays designed to encourage even the most reluctant readers to read!

Chris will be doing a book signing on the day. Details of how to order books is attached but he is also happy to sign any books that students would like to bring in from home.

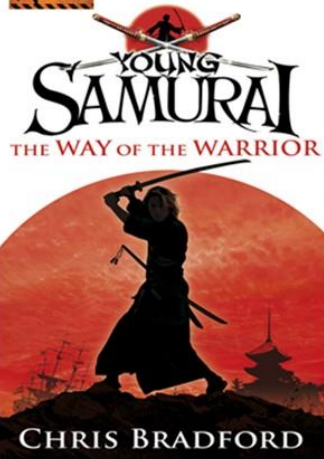
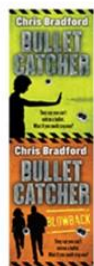
We hope your child enjoys this amazing event.

Yours sincerely



Miss A Phelan
Learning Resources Manager

Chris Bradford



This event is for Year 7 & 8

If you are a fan in another year and would like to attend please can you speak to Miss Phelan or Mrs Langley.

Book Orders

Books can be purchased directly from Chris Bradford and you can get them personally signed on the day. If you have your own books, you can also bring those along.

The best way to order books is via the website, this way you are guaranteed to get the ones you want. Please go to the website and make sure your order is linked to Worthing High School. They will then be waiting for you at the author talk. You can pay cash on the day if you wish, but not all books may be available.

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We're delighted to welcome Chris Bradford, the Top Ten bestselling author of the **BODYGUARD** and **YOUNG SAMURAI** series, for an explosive author event for **THE SOUL HUNTERS**!

Pupils can have their books signed personally by the author. If you would like to take advantage of this, please pre-order copies online or fill in the form below and hand into school. Thank you.

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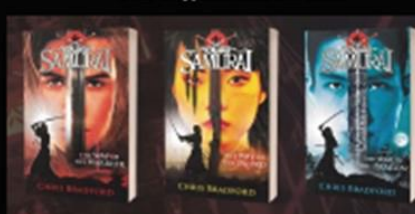
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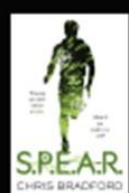
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