



## M A Bennett - Author Event



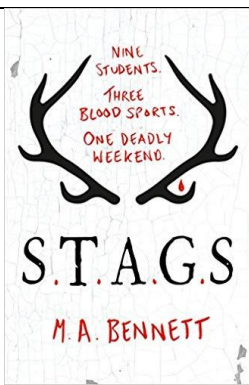
10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to welcome another fantastic author, **M A Bennett**, to Worthing High School on **World Book Day, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, to talk to our students. This will commence at 10.00am when students will be escorted to the sports hall by their subject teachers.

M A Bennett was the Gold Award winner of the 2019 Amazing Book Awards with her book S.T.A.G.S. The book has been incredibly popular with our students and is now on our 13 by 13 reading challenge. In August, she released the sequel, D.O.G.S

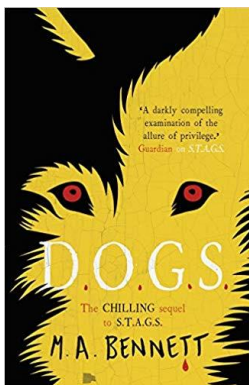
She is a history graduate of Oxford University and the University of Venice, where she specialised in the study of Shakespeare's plays as a historical source. After university, she studied art and has since worked as an illustrator, actor and film reviewer. She also designed tour visuals for rock bands, including U2 and the Rolling Stones.



It is the autumn term and **Greer MacDonal**d is struggling to settle into the sixth form at the exclusive St Aidan the Great boarding school, known to its privileged pupils as S.T.A.G.S.

To her surprise Greer receives a mysterious invitation with three words embossed upon on it: **huntin' shootin' fishin'** - an invitation to spend the half-term weekend at the country manor of **Henry de Warlencourt**, the most popular and wealthy boy at S.T.A.G.S.

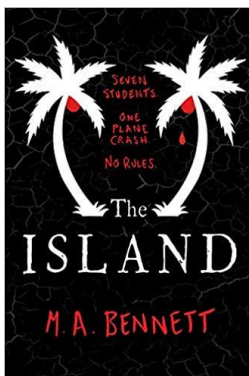
Greer joins the other chosen students at the ancient and sprawling Longcross Hall, and soon realises that they are at the mercy of their capricious host. Over the next three days, as the three blood sports - hunting, shooting and fishing - become increasingly dark and twisted, Greer comes to the horrifying realisation that those being hunted are not wild game, but the very misfits Henry has brought with him from school...



**S.T.A.G.S 2** - After the dramatic events of the last few weeks, Greer Macdonald is trying to concentrate on her A levels. Stuck for a play to direct for her drama exam, she gets help from an unexpected quarter . . .

A priceless lost play, buried by time, is pushed under her door. It is Ben Jonson's *The Isle of Dogs*, a play considered so dangerous in Elizabethan times that every copy was burned . . . except one. As the students begin to rehearse, events become increasingly dark and strange, and they lead Greer back to where she never thought she would return - Longcross Hall.

There she discovers that not only is the Order of the Stag alive and well, but that a ghost from the past might be too . . .



*Seven students. One plane crash. No rules.*

Link is a fish out of water. Newly arrived from America, he is finding it hard to settle into the venerable and prestigious Osney School. Who knew there could be so many strange traditions to understand? And what kind of school ranks its students by how fast they can run round the school quad - however ancient that quad may be?

When Link runs the slowest time in years, he immediately becomes the butt of every school joke. And some students are determined to make his life more miserable than others . . .



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M A Bennett will be happy to sign students' books on the day. If you wish to purchase a book through the school, they are available by **pre-order only** via the Shop in WISEPAY, where you will be able to complete an online order paying by credit/debit card. All WISEPAY pre orders need to be in by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. All books are priced at £5.80 (rrp £7.99), please ensure you specify which one you require on the order form below.

I am sure they will enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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## BOOK ORDER FORM

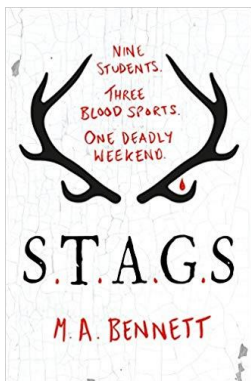
Payment is through Wisepay ONLY – cheques can only be accepted in special circumstances.

If you are unable to access Wisepay please contact Mrs V Strudwick [vstrudwick@worthinghigh.net](mailto:vstrudwick@worthinghigh.net) who can assist you.

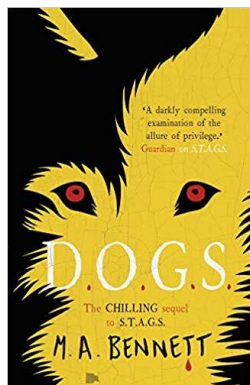
Once completing on Wisepay you **MUST return the form to the finance office or email it to [trips@worthinghigh.net](mailto:trips@worthinghigh.net)**, otherwise we don't know which book you require.

Each book is priced at £5.80, please tick the relevant book. All book orders should be made by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

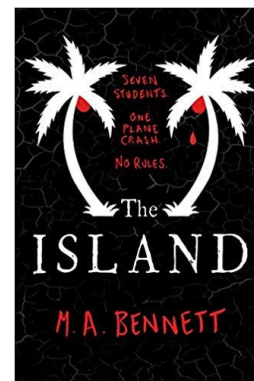
**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tutor Group:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year Group** \_\_\_\_\_



**S.T.A.G.S.**  
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**D.O.G.S. (S.T.A.G.S. 2)**  
Please tick



**The Island**  
Please tick

Total book order: £ \_\_\_\_\_ (please return this form to the Finance Office)