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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Author Visit – Nicola Garrard

We are very pleased to let you know that on Tuesday 19 May, we will be welcoming Nicola Garrard, a Carnegie-nominated young adult author, to South Dartmoor Community College.

During the school day, Nicola will be delivering a series of talks and workshops with our students. She will speak to Year 10 and Sixth Form students in a morning assembly about her journey as an author and the key themes of her latest novel *On the Edge*, which is set in South Devon and explores the impact of tourism, second homes and rural poverty on young people. She will also speak with Year 7 students about the writing process and run a creative writing workshop with a selected group of students from Years 7, 8 and 9.

As part of the visit, families may also be interested to know that First Draft Bookshop (Bovey Tracey) has arranged a way for parents and students to purchase copies of *On the Edge*. Books can be ordered using the link below, and copies can either be collected from the Ashburton shop or dropped off at the College on the day of the visit:

- <https://square.link/u/vEnBuwdf>

In addition, First Draft is hosting a free public evening event with Nicola Garrard on Tuesday 19 May in Bovey Tracey. Parents and young people aged 13+ are very welcome to attend. Further details can be found via the event listing below, and we have attached the event poster for your information:

- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

We hope this visit will be an inspiring and enriching experience for our students, and we are delighted to be able to offer families the opportunity to engage with this event beyond the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Lara Hutchinson
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