Dear Parents,

We are visiting The Octagon Theatre on Monday 25th September to see the internationally bestselling author-illustrator Cressida Cowell, creator of the *How to Train Your Dragon* books (which is also a film series and a TV series). Cressida will be launching her new book, *The Wizards of Once*, which has already been signed up by animation studio DreamWorks. She will give students top tips on becoming an author or illustrator, give them behind-the-scenes details about how the books became films, and talk about her inspiration.

If your child would like to order a book for Cressida to sign and dedicate to your child whilst she is here, please use the form below.

The Wizards of Once

An exciting high-adventure series - set in an ancient, magical time, full of Wizards, Warriors, Giants and Sprites. This is the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who have been taught since birth to hate each other like poison; and the thrilling tale of what happens when their two worlds collide.



About Cressida:

Cressida Cowell is the author and the illustrator of the bestselling *How to Train Your Dragon* book series, and the author of the *Emily Brown* picture books, illustrated by Neal Layton. *How to Train Your Dragon* has sold over 8 million books worldwide in 38 languages. It is also an award-winning DreamWorks film series, and a TV series shown on Netflix and CBBC. Cressida is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation. She has won numerous prizes for her books, including the Gold Award in the Nestle Children's Book Prize and *Philosophy Now* magazine's 2015 'Award For Contributions in the Fight Against Stupidity'. She grew up in London and on a small, uninhabited island off the west coast of Scotland and she now lives in Hammersmith with her husband, three children and a dog called Pigeon.

'Cressida Cowell's dragon books ... are so good and funny.' J K Rowling in The New York Times

Child's name and class.....

Number of books at the special event price of £8.99 instead of RRP £12.99

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Dedication inside the book (e.g. To Chloe).....

Parent's signature.....