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World Book Day author visit – Mitch Johnson

We are pleased to announce that author, and former pupil, Mitch Johnson will be visiting Northampton School *for boys* on March 1st 2018 to talk to pupils in Years 7 and 8 about his debut novel, *Kick*. The event will be a fun and interactive opportunity for children to learn about other cultures, global economics, and human rights.

Kick tells the story of twelve-year-old Budi, an Indonesian boy who works in a sweatshop and dreams of becoming a footballer. The novel has been endorsed by Amnesty International UK because it upholds and illuminates many children's rights.

Signed copies of *Kick* will be available for children to purchase. If your son would like to purchase a copy of the novel, please bring in £6 in cash on the day.

If you would like any further information, please contact me at School.

Mrs A Onyett
Librarian

Praise for *Kick*:

"Kick is a brilliant debut. Mitch Johnson writes of ambition, poverty and friendship with great skill and wit. I was cheering on Budi to the final whistle."

John Boyne, author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*

"It's a book that shows you how universal football is, but how the wealth and glamour of the game is definitely not universal. A must read for fans of Mal Peet."

Tom Palmer, author of *Football Academy*

"A dazzling story of family, fate and football and one game-changing friendship."

Peter Bunzl, author of *Cogheart*

"To grow up with stories like these is the beginning of finding another world, lying at our feet."

Khalid Abdalla, star of *The Kite Runner*