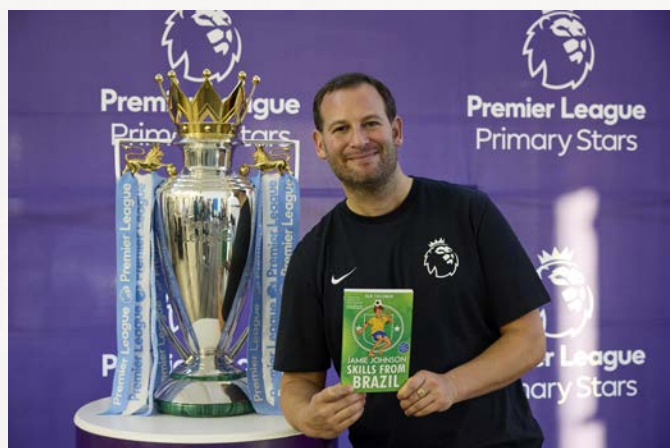




## WELCOME TO THE MITCH JOHNSON LIBRARY AT NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL FOR BOYS



### Who is Dan Freedman?

Dan Freedman is a Sunday Times bestselling author, whose global book sales have surpassed 1 million copies.

He is best known for his hugely popular series of Jamie Johnson football novels. The books – about a boy who is aiming to become the greatest player in the world – have developed a reputation for getting reluctant readers into books and have been adapted for television by the BBC.

Before becoming an author, Dan was managing editor for The Football Association.

He has interviewed the likes of Messi and Ronaldo and travelled to two World Cups as the first-ever in-house journalist to be embedded with the England Team.

He was also part of the official delegations to meet Queen Elizabeth II, two Prime Ministers and Nelson Mandela.

When not writing, Dan gives inspirational talks at schools and sports clubs. His mission is to make reading and writing cool and he works closely alongside the Premier League.

### Upcoming author visit

We are delighted to confirm that author Dan Freedman will be joining us at NSB on Wednesday 30th April. He will be delivering assemblies to Year 7 and Year 8 students in the afternoon, and he will also be available to sign copies of his books at lunch time in the Mitch Johnson Library.

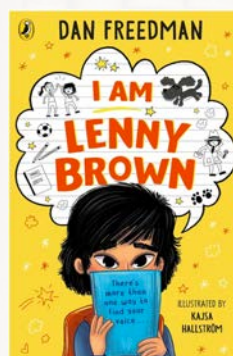
### Dan Freedman's most recent publications

#### Fiction

Dan's most recent novel, *I Am Lenny Brown*, picks up on the anxieties that many young people are suffering from having missed out on a big part of their social development during lockdown. Lenny is a deeply sensitive, highly intelligent boy, who is a big character at home, but can't speak when he's at school.

#### Non-fiction

2024 saw the publication of Dan's first non-fiction book. *50 Ways Into Football*, written with the sports lawyer Daniel Geey, explores all the different ways young people can aim for a career which involves football, without being one of the 22 players on the pitch. Declan Rice has provided the foreword and the aim of the book is to channel young football fans' passion for the game into a motivational force as they start to think about which careers they might want to pursue.





## Book sale

Dan will be selling copies of the texts detailed below as part of his visit to NSB. Students are advised to pre-order their copies to avoid disappointment. Details of how to pre-order copies of Dan's books can be found below. On the day, students will be able to visit the Mitch Johnson Library at lunch to collect their pre-ordered books. They will also have the opportunity to meet Dan and have him sign their books.



### **Jamie Johnson: The Kick Off**

An epic tale of dreaming big and chasing glory.

Jamie's desperate to become Highwood School's star football player (and in his dreams, Hawkstone United's, too). But after he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.

"An inspiring read for all football fans." GARY LINEKER.

"Dan knows his football." OWEN HARGREAVES.

"You'll read this and want to get out there and play." STEVEN GERRARD.

"If you like football, this book's for you." FRANK LAMPARD.

"Pure class – brings the game to life." OWEN COYLE.

NSB discounted price: £5.99

### **Unstoppable**

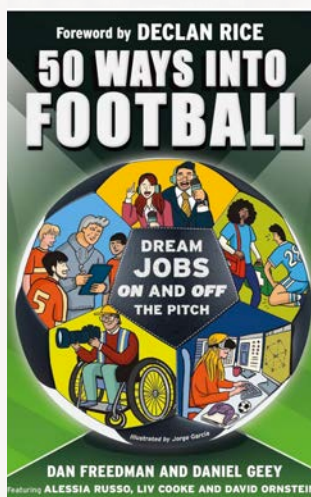
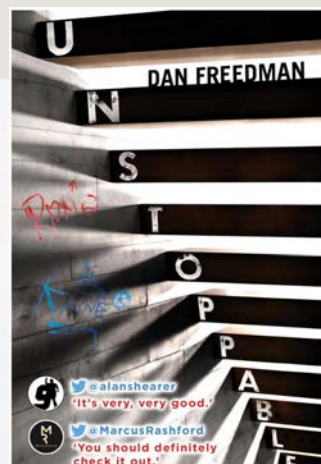
Fourteen-year-old twins, Roxy and Kaine, have only one thing in common: they HATE each other.

Kaine is loud, brash and brilliant at football.

Roxy is heading for tennis superstardom.

When tragedy strikes, their worlds are ripped apart. Can they come together before it's too late?

NSB discounted price: £6.99



### **50 Ways into Football**

Are you obsessed with football and want to know how to make it your future? Well, now you can!

Football isn't just about becoming a pro. In fact, there are hundreds of people who help make magic on the pitch, whether it's the architect who designed the stadium, the coder who created your favourite game or the physio who got the star player fighting fit again.

50 Ways into Football gives you access to 50 leading experts who have made a career out of the beautiful game, from footballing legends to top-flight sports commentators and the people behind the scenes that ensure the smooth-running of the sport.

This fantastic guide to the beautiful game will help you get excited about your future, so you can eventually score your dream job on or off the pitch.

NSB discounted price: £8.50



To pre-order copies of any of the above books, please refer to the instructions provided in the letter from Mrs Barlow. Should you have any further questions, please email [nsb@nsb.northants.sch.uk](mailto:nsb@nsb.northants.sch.uk) and your email will be directed to the relevant member of staff.