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Dear Parents / Carers

**We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that one of the leading manga artists in the UK, Sonia Leong, will be visiting students in school on Wednesday 10 May 2023.**

Sonia is a professional comic artist and illustrator, specialising in manga – a style of Japanese comic books and graphic novels. Her first graphic novel was *Manga Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet*. She is also the author of several ‘how-to-draw’ manga books. Her inspirational school visits help motivate students to look at literature through the art of manga, making it accessible to all children.

Sonia will begin her visit with a presentation to all Year 9 students, followed by a manga workshop with selected GCSE and A level art students. Two further workshops will be available to students from all year groups – students can sign up via their year-group Teams notices (places are limited).

Sonia will also be visiting our library, where she has kindly offered to sign copies of her books. There are three titles available:

*A Brush with Magic* (novel) £6.99

 *Manga Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet* (novel) £9.99

 *Beginning Manga* (how-to-draw book) £12.99

**If you would like to pre-order a signed copy of any of the above titles, please make your purchase via ParentPay before Thursday 4 May.** Please note that unfortunately, no books will be available to buy on the day.

Sonia will however be selling a fantastic selection of her manga art prints on the day. A4 prints @£3 and A3 @£5. If students are interested, they should bring in the correct amount of cash and make their way to the library during lunchtime. There will also be a competition, where students will have the chance to win a signed copy of one of Sonia’s books, as well as a print!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to giving Sonia a fantastic PGS welcome on May 10!

**Kind regards**

**The Library Team**