



## CATERHAM SCHOOL

### **Successful author Julia Golding at Caterham School for the World Book Fair**



Caterham School held its annual World Book Fair from 26<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March and celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The theme this year was Historical Heroes and Heroines.

A major attraction at the Caterham School Book Fair is a visit by a successful, award winning author. This year was no exception with Julia Golding speaking to pupils in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Years about her life, writing and her most recently published book, Den of Thieves. This is the third book in the hugely

successful Cat Royal series, which is set at the Theatre Royal in Georgian London. The first in the series, The Diamond of Drury Lane won the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize 2006. It also won the Nestle Children's Book Prize 2006.

After reading English at Cambridge, Julia joined the Foreign Office and served in Poland. She exchanged diplomacy for academia and took a doctorate in the Literature of the English Romantic Period at Oxford.

The book fair was held in the school library and, during the week, pupils were able to browse through or buy a wide variety of both fiction and non fiction books. There were many new titles available at discounted prices. Pupils were also able to take part in various activities and win prizes in competitions and quizzes.

The dress shown was designed and made by pupil Clare Traynor (Upper 6<sup>th</sup>). It was inspired by the French Revolution, which is the background for Den of Thieves.



Headmaster Rob Davey said: "The main focus of our English department is the study of English Literature. We believe in books and all they have to offer – ideas, pleasure, excitement, emotion. This year is the 10th Birthday of World Book Day in the UK, an annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading. We are keen supporters of World Book Day and so we have made the event into a week long celebration of reading."

Photo:

- ~ Jack Higgins with Julia Golding
- ~ Daisy Hopkins with Julia Golding