



Igniting Writing: Wokingham Library's Teen Creative Writing Club



Dear Parent or Guardian,

To introduce myself, my name's Alex Baker and I run a group called **Igniting Writing**. If you've never heard of Igniting Writing before, it's a **creative writing club for Year Six pupils and above, based at Wokingham Library**. Writing can sometimes be seen as a solitary activity, so the aim of the club is to bring together young writers to share their imaginations and develop their story writing skills in a fun, relaxed and friendly group environment.

Sessions are free to attend and focus on a different writing topic each week, from building settings and creating characters to exploring sci-fi and fantasy worlds, so there's something for everyone. Face to face sessions are held at Wokingham Library every Saturday (excluding the second Saturday of each month and school holidays) at the following times:

Session for Year 6-8 pupils, 9:45am to 11:15am

Session for Year 9-13 pupils, 11:45am to 1:15pm

Igniting Writing also holds 'Write with an Author' online sessions on the second Saturday of each month, 10:30am to 12:00pm. Sessions feature a Q&A with published authors, useful writing tips and fun writing activities.

Places are limited, so attendance for the face to face or 'Write with an Author' sessions must be booked in advance. **To register, please email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk**

If you want to see what Igniting Writing members think of the sessions, here are some testimonials:

James, pupil at St Crispin's School: *"I like that the group brings together lots of creative people like me. The sessions encourage a lot of creative ideas that everyone can develop in their writing."*

Nat, pupil at St Bartholomew's School: *"Igniting Writing is definitely more relaxed than school – I love to let loose and write without restrictions and the group members are really open and accepting to any newcomers. It's great for helping you to turn ideas into something more coherent."*

Harry, pupil at Reading School: *"Each week is something different, which has helped push me out of my comfort zone by writing about things I'd never have considered otherwise. I enjoy the guest speaker sessions too, because you get to hear some different writing styles and voices."*

To find out more about the group, you can find us online:

Website: <https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/service.page?id=Wi6ijfJao4E>

Blog: <http://ignitingwriting.tumblr.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ignitingwriting>

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Regards,

Alex Baker, founder and group leader of Igniting Writing