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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 Anthony McGowan Author Visit – 18 March 2020

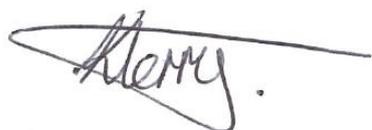
Anthony McGowan, author of highly acclaimed and multi award winning novels and children's stories will be visiting the school on Wednesday 18 March 2020 to deliver an assembly to the whole of Year 8. His talk promises to be filled with energy, jokes, surreal digressions and comic interactions with the audience.

The assembly will take place on Wednesday 18 March 2020 during the Year 8 English lesson.

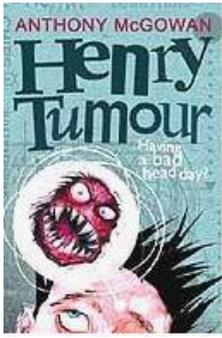
In order to help cover the cost of having an author visit the school, we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards this which is payable through ParentPay. Please use the following link <https://www.parentpay.com/>. If you have any queries relating to ParentPay please email ParentPay@maidenerleghschool.co.uk.

There is also an opportunity to purchase some of Anthony's books through ParentPay, the details are overleaf so please tick the appropriate box and return the form to reception. The deadline for these payments is Friday 7 February 2020.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Terry
Head of KS3 English



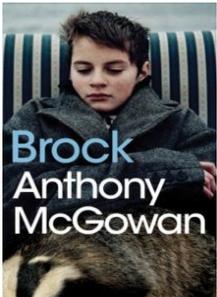
Henry Tumour: £5.59

It wasn't my choice: Henry was in charge. As if school bullies and his mum's tofu sandwiches weren't enough for Hector Brunty, he now has another dilemma: a talking brain tumour.

Henry Tumour turns out to be the perfect alter-ego, advising Hector on haircuts, high-fashion, and tactics for snogging the best-looking girl in school, Uma Upshaw.

Controlling his speech and brain chemicals is one thing, but soon Henry Tumour is trying to make more decisions about Hector's life than he'd like.

Can Hector overpower his tumour in order to get what he really wants ...before they both go under the knife?

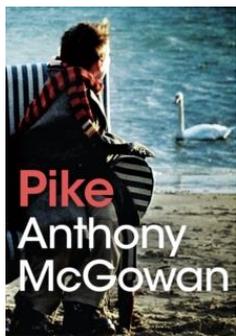


Brock: £5.59

A bleakly poetic tale about one boy's determination to save a badger cub from the destructive hands of a local gang.

When Nicky finds Jezbo and his gang digging up a badger set, there's not a lot he can do to save them.

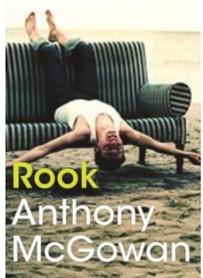
But one badger cub has escaped - can Nicky save it?



Pike: £5.59

A stunning companion piece to Brock from award-winning Anthony McGowan. Nicky and Kenny return in Pike as a fishing expedition nosedives into near tragedy.

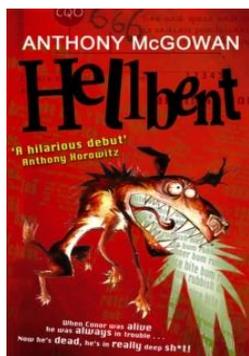
The Bacon Pond is famous for its monster-sized fish and Kenny is determined to catch one. And as usual, Nicky is dragged along for the ride. But when the boys glimpse what could be a body in the water - the body of a well-known local criminal who's just been announced missing - the secrets of the Bacon Pond might just take them all down.



Rook: £5.59

A poignant, beautifully written novella about growing up and family.

A companion piece to the hugely successful Brock and Pike, McGowan warms hearts once more with the adventures of Nicky and Kenny.



Hellbent: £5.59

Sent to Hell for typical teenage misdemeanours, Conor is surprised to find that it's not all pitchforks and leaping flames.

But an eternity in a fusty cave full of philosophy books and obscure classical music is actually worse.

Then Conor realizes that his personal version of Hell might be someone else's idea of Heaven - and vice versa.

He sets out on a filthy, funny and forbidden journey to search for his opposite number, accompanied by his repulsive pet dog, a depressed cross-dressing Viking and a stumpy devil called Clarence.

What he sees is disgusting and what he discovers is shocking, but oddly enough Conor learns a hell of a lot about life - now that he's dead!

