

Author visit: Dan Freedman- Tuesday 26th March 2019

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Mrs Bridge from the English department organised an author visit for year 6 and 7 in recognition of World Book Day. The talk was very inspirational and inspired me to look into reading Dan Freedman books which focuses around football. He explained about how he came to be a writer and his own experiences like going to two world cups with England because he was the managing editor of the FA (football association). Interestingly, Dan has interviewed Cristiano Ronaldo when Ronaldo had just arrived at Manchester utd.

When Dan was still working in sports journalism, his boss was so frustrated at their being no football books in bookshops. This made Dan realise the importance of writing football books and eventually, he became a writer. His first book was "*the kick off*" which focused on the character Jamie Johnson which went on to be a TV show series by the BBC.

In the talk, Dan mentioned his time going to the world cup with the England squad and meeting David Beckham, John Terry and more. This was an amazing prospect and experience which really left me in awe.

The presentation also involved questions which were answered by Dan. One student asked how did you find the time to write the books while another student asked why did you become a writer. The questions said, were very thoughtful and Dan answered them with precision. This in turn, made me feel like anything is achievable when you put your mind to it.

Finally, Dan's new book "*unstoppable*" is out now in bookshops and if you make enquires to Mrs Bridge you can purchase a book from our school. I can't wait to start reading this!