



Igniting Writing, Wokingham Library's Creative Writing Club for Year Sixes



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 ideas, make friends and develop their story writing skills in a fun and relaxed group environment.

Sessions are free to attend and feature fun writing activities, useful writing tips and group discussions. Each session focuses 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. Both beginners and more experienced writers are welcome and face-to-face sessions are held at Wokingham Library every Saturday (excluding 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

Places for Igniting Writing sessions are limited, so attendance must be booked in advance. **Please sign up for Igniting Writing by visiting Wokingham Library's event booking page (<https://wokingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/EVENTS?HOMEPRMS=EVSESPARAMS>) and typing Igniting Writing into the 'search for library events' box. Alternatively, please email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk or call the Wokingham Library reception on 0118 978 1368 to register.**

Since forming back in 2014, Igniting Writing has helped thousands of young writers gain confidence and improve their storytelling, received invites into more than 50 local schools and been recognised through several local awards, including the Wokingham Town Council Civic Award 2020, the Wokingham Borough Council Covid-19 Roll of Honour and the Wokingham Mayor's Honour Award 2024. Igniting Writing also has partnerships with several literary agencies and publishing companies, who offer discounts for their books, prizes for writing competitions and authors to be guest speakers at our sessions. The companies we've teamed up with are Bonnier Books (<https://www.bonnierbooks.co.uk/>), Zuntold (<https://www.zuntold.com/>), Simon and Schuster Children's Books (<https://www.simonandschuster.co.uk/p/ChildrensPublishing>), Scholastic (<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/>), Alice Sutherland-Hawes Literary (<https://ashliterary.com/>), Faber and Faber (<https://www.faber.co.uk/>), Sweet Cherry Publishing (<https://sweetcherrypublishing.com/>), Hashtag Press (<https://www.hashtagpress.co.uk/>), Otter-Barry Books (<https://www.otterbarrybooks.com/>), Holroyde Cartey (<https://www.holroydecartey.com/>), Candy Jar Books (<https://www.candy-jar.co.uk/books/>), Bloomsbury Children's Books (<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens/>), Usborne (<https://usborne.com/gb/>), Hachette Children's Group (<https://www.hachettechildrens.co.uk/>), the Emma Press (<https://theemmapress.com/>), Tiny Ghost Press (<https://www.tinyghostpress.com/>) and Nina Douglas PR (<https://www.ninadouglaspr.com/>).

To read more information 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