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## Multi Award Winning Author of How to Fly With Broken Wings Visits Local Secondary

**The Wellington Academy's Year 7 students were in for a treat on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May as the school welcomed Jane Elson, award winning author for a spectacular assembly and a fun filled workshop.**

In the Q&A sessions with students Jane went on to say how her inspirations come from her own and others life experiences, along with her scrapbooks that she would sporadically add ideas to. Jane's idea to write books around neurodiversity all began with a blind ginger cat that she was asked to foster and Jane instantly fell in love with him, which led to her then doing a course on learning to write books.

Jane in total has won fifteen literature awards, meaning her knowledge is priceless to the budding authors of The Wellington Academy. The pupils were carefully selected for the workshop by those who were dyslexic and have a love of writing, showing them, it is possible to write their own books with Jane herself being Dyslexic, who despite her diagnosis thought passed it to become the highly commended Author she is today.



To start off the workshop, students were tasked with a mind-boggling brain exercise, having to muddle up their words. Once the students' brains were ready to go, they were then tasked with designing their very own village map just as Jane had done in her book 'A Room Full of Chocolate'. Year 7 delved into their imagination, creating a character to live in their very own village.

Carol Moorhouse, Librarian at The Wellington Academy had commented "I was extremely impressed with the students and their questions for Jane, having an author come into school is invaluable and these small group sessions offer them a once in a lifetime chance to work alongside and showcase their work to our visiting authors. We are always looking for ways to grow a love for reading amongst our students as the benefits of reading is hugely important and that is why we feel as a school these author visits are so important."

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