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An exceptional school at the heart of the community

30th October 2019

Dear Parents and students

The monster showed up just after midnight. As they do.

I'm sure you agree that these are crucial years in your child's education. We would like, then, to help rejuvenate his/her appreciation of reading and open up the world a little to the pleasure therein.

You may already be familiar with acclaimed writer Patrick Ness and his 2011 novel, *A Monster Calls*. Popular now on screen and on stage, as well as in its original print form, we aim to bring you another **Reading Allowed** project where you can experience all three, and then contribute a little yourself if you so desire.

Text: You* and your child are invited to join us for a **dramatic reading of the full novel** in four parts, starting on **Wednesday 13th November**, from 4:00pm – 5:15pm in the school library (see below for a full list of dates). There'll be refreshments available too. Donations for refreshments are welcome, but otherwise there is no charge for attending these readings. If you and your child* would like to join us with our Reading Allowed adventure, please complete the reply slip below, ideally by Friday, 8th November.

We will be following up these readings of *A Monster Calls* with a **theatre trip** (Thursday 27th February), a **big-screen film showing** (Monday 2nd March) and a **creative writing workshop** (Monday 9th March). We will send letters out with more details regarding these exciting opportunities a little nearer the time.

Some of you may remember us running a similar project with that famous scary story, *The Woman in Black*, which was greatly enjoyed by many. We aim to make this another **Reading Allowed** project to remember; we hope you can join us.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Stubbert
Deputy English Subject Leader

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Please Submit this reply slip to the English office (on the C block corridor) MSu/SSI

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Student Name: Form:*

Accompanying adult(s) – please indicate how many, with names:

Name (adult 1):

Name (adult 2):

Wish(es) to attend the **Reading Allowed** events on the following dates: **Wednesdays: 13th, 20th, 27th November, and Wednesday 4th December**, please circle dates as appropriate.

Please note, adults who wish to attend any of these events **MUST be accompanied by a UVHS student.*