



Author Julia Golding Visits JAGS

As part of our Book Week (Oct 6-10) activities we welcomed Julia Golding, author of the Cat Royal and Companions series, and of Ringmaster, Empty Quarter and Dragonfly, to JAGS on October 9 2008 to talk to all the Year 7 classes in the library in two sessions across the day.

Julia came with a wig, sword, fan and mask as well as a cloak and several lucky girls quickly found themselves acting as characters from her latest novel for children, Dragonfly, as she read extracts.

The author also explained how her earlier job in the Foreign Office had helped with the plots of her books; girls participated in a quiz on desert survival with SAS type questions from the author, and a prize for the winners. It was fascinating hearing how past experiences are woven into her writing, and how her love of history had provoked the exciting Cat Royal series, set at the end of the eighteenth century. We all felt we should visit the Drury Lane Theatre and follow in Cat's footsteps!

Julia answered a great many questions about her writing, book publishing and her future plans and forthcoming books, as well as signing a large number of her books across lunchtime, when other classes had the opportunity to meet her as well. Two Year 7 girls thanked her with a posy of appropriately blue flowers at the end of a very busy, and entertaining day. We hope to see her again, and look forward to reading her upcoming new titles very much.



