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Dear Parent/Carer

## **LRC Manga Artist Visit – Sonia Leong : Wednesday 24 April 2019**

I am delighted to let you know that award-winning graphic Manga artist, Sonia Leong, will be visiting Ashlyns on 24 April to speak to our Year 7 students.

Sonia runs Sweatdrop Studios, a leading UK comic collaborative and independent publisher of Manga/Anime, and is recognised throughout the UK as one of the leading Manga artists and workshop presenters. Her visits to schools are inspirational and help to motivate students to look at literature through the art of Manga. Her UK appearances include the Hay Festival, the Victoria & Albert Museum and the British Museum, and she regularly travels to Europe, America and Asia for speaking engagements.

Sonia's talk will cover the background and history of Manga, how Manga comics are put together and how to create Manga characters and style. Her first graphic novel was Manga Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet, and Sonia's artwork has appeared in the Kyoto International Manga Museum and London's Japanese Embassy.

Year 7 students will be attending Sonia's talk for one lesson on this day (in Lesson 4) to support the English curriculum.

Students are welcome to bring cash in on the day to purchase signed copies of Sonia's books and attached is an overview of a selection of titles that will be available.

Yours sincerely

Ms R Lambert  
LRC Manager