



Founded 1125

19 January 2023

**Event: Year of Writing Book Festival Y9 Author Talk**

**Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2023**

Dear Parent,

I am delighted to announce that Prof. Lewis Dartnell, research scientist, presenter and author, will be delivering a talk based on his bestselling book: The Knowledge to all year 9 as part of our School Book Festival.

Lewis graduated from Oxford University with a First Class degree in Biological Sciences and completed his PhD at University College London in 2007. He holds the Professorship in Science Communication at the University of Westminster. His research is in the field of astrobiology and the search for microbial life on Mars. He is the author of the New York Times and Sunday Times best-seller 'The Knowledge: How to Rebuild our World from Scratch' which was The Sunday Times 'New Thinking' Book of the Year. His latest book: ORIGINS: How the Earth Made Us is a Sunday Times top History book of 2019.

Lewis will be signing books at the end of the talk. Books are available by pre-ordering and paying in advance. Details of the titles that can be pre-ordered and how much they cost are given below. Books will also be available to purchase on the day. We advise you to use the [MCAS Parent Portal](#) to pre-order and pay for your books in advance to avoid disappointment. **Books can be pre-ordered and paid for from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of January. The deadline for pre-orders is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of January.** Pre-ordered books will be available on the day of the author talk so pupils can get them signed by the author.

<b>Books by Lewis Dartnell</b>	<b>Cost</b>
The Knowledge: How To Rebuild Our World After An Apocalypse	£10.00
ORIGINS: How the Earth Shaped Human History	£10.00
Life in the Universe: A Beginner's Guide	£10.00

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kesteven

School Librarian

**READING SCHOOL, Erleigh Road, Reading RG1 5LW**

T: 0118 9015600

E: [lkesteven@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:lkesteven@reading-school.co.uk)

W: [www.reading-school.co.uk](http://www.reading-school.co.uk)

Reading School is an Exempt Charity under Schedule 2 of the Charities Act 1993, and is recognised as charitable by HM Customs and Excise, ref. no. XT35863.  
Registered address as above, a company limited by guarantee, registered in England no. 7475515.