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Leighton Buzzard author Tony Drury passed on tips, advice and secrets behind his success last week when he ran a Creative Writing Masterclass at Cedars Upper School, Leighton Buzzard to over 80 students from Year 8 and Year 9.

The day, split between three masterclass sessions, two with Year 9 students and the third in the afternoon with a selection of Year 8 students from various middle schools, all were a huge success.

Helping the older students in particular with writing short stories in preparation for their English GCSE's, he gave the young people advice on how to write opening lines in their stories, how to keep the reader interested, how to develop and write great plots, characterization and how to make the most of their creative ideas.

When asking what was the most important advice to give to anyone thinking of writing as a career. Tony commented - "You must write every day, just writing something, even if you write gobbledygook the next day you will be a better writer. Never give in."

The news that the film rights of two of his novels have been bought by separate film companies means that Tony has the knowledge to talk about films and scriptwriting, which the children were enthusiastic and keen to understand. One Year 9 student even asked if she could be an extra in 'A Flash Of Lightning'.

City Fiction Publishing arranged for all proceeds of the masterclass to be donated to HEART UK – The Cholesterol charity of which Dame Judi Dench is President. Tony has set himself a little challenge during 2014 – to raise £2,500 for HEART UK in his role as an Ambassador.

If you would like to support Tony in his charitable work for HEART UK, please get in touch with [cathy@cityfiction.co.uk](mailto:cathy@cityfiction.co.uk).

Other schools have taken an interest in booking Tony for more Creative Writing Masterclasses

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## Editor's Notes

- For more information on Tony Drury see [www.tonydrury.com](http://www.tonydrury.com)
- Follow Tony Drury on Twitter @mrtonydrury.
- 'Megan's Game' and 'A Flash Of Lightning' are both currently in development for release 2015/16.
- 'Megan's Game', 'The Deal', 'Cholesterol', 'A Flash Of Lightning' are all available in Paperback or E-book and are available from all good book shops.
- Tony is a celebrity Ambassador for HEART UK <http://heartuk.org.uk/about-us/celebrity-ambassadors>
- For further information about HEART UK – visit [www.heartuk.org.uk](http://www.heartuk.org.uk)

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