**Discussion ideas for …**

**Evernight by Ross MacKenzie**

* On page 43, we learn that Lara had promised herself “to never rely on anyone else, because if you didn’t give people the chance, then they couldn’t let you down”. Do you think Lara was right to have this opinion? Does Lara change this view as the story unfolds? Remember to give reasons for your answers.
* In the chapter, “The Soul Cage”, Mrs Hester tortures Double 8. Discuss whether you think it would cause more pain to have no soul at all or to have part of your soul remain. Remember to discuss why you think this.
* Old Hans deceives the Toshers when they think he is their friend. Discuss his role in the story and what your feelings are towards how he acts, and what happens to him in this book.
* On page 173, Bernie talks about books as magical objects. Do you agree with Bernie on this, or are there other objects in everyday life you think are more magical? Remember there are no right or wrong answers.
* On page 211, Lara and Double 8 talk about it being the easy option for people to be afraid of things that are different, and how fear is used by those in power to control people. Do you think this is true? Can you think of any examples of this that are reported in the media?
* On page 326, Lara wants to get revenge on Shadow Jack. Who do you think is right? Lara or Joe? Remember to give reasons for your answer.