



# ABINGDON

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To parents

## Scholars' Events

Following Dr Gunn's retirement, Mr Hallinan has taken on the role of supervising Middle School scholars, and will be contacting all of these boys soon separately with details of the programme for this term.

In the meantime, I am writing to alert you to the scholars' events, which we do expect them all to attend in the forthcoming term. We would be very grateful if you could put these dates in your diaries so that they can be kept free by the boys.

You, as parents, are also very welcome at these talks, but those in the CMR will be more crowded, so do please let Mr Hallinan or myself know if you would like to come to these.

Friday 28 September at 5.30pm in the Amey Theatre marks the first Roysse event for all scholars. It will be a talk by Mezna Qato from St Anthony's College, Oxford, on the subject of 'The role of young people in the Arab Spring'.

Friday 9 November marks the first event of the year specifically aimed at Middle School scholars, although all scholars are very strongly encouraged to attend. There will be a talk by Professor Gary Sheffield, a military historian at the University of Birmingham, entitled, 'Blackadder and the First World War – Fact or Fiction'. This will take place in the Amey Theatre at 6.30pm, and will be followed by a dinner to which middle school scholars and their parents will be invited. Mr Hallinan will be writing separately to all the parents of middle school scholars with further information about this event.

The final event of the term will be on Friday 16 November, when we are delighted to be welcoming back to school Dr Gunn to talk about his research career as a biologist. This talk will be at 5.30pm in the CMR and, like all the talks of the term, will last for one hour.

As ever, we would also urge the boys to go to as many as they can of the departmental and Edmund Society events advertised in the calendar. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or suggestions for future speakers: we have some ideas in the pipeline, but as ever further possibilities are always extremely welcome.

Finally we would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the scholars on their achievements last year, with most of them putting in very strong performances whether at GCSE or in their AS levels.

Yours sincerely

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