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To all parents of Scholars

Scholars Event

As we did last year, we are writing to alert you to the scholars' events, which we do expect them all to attend this 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.

Friday 23 September at 5.30pm in the Amey Theatre marks the first Roysse event for all scholars. It will be a talk by two Old Abingdonians of recent vintage, Hal McKend and Charlie Wilkinson, on 'Chernobyl'. Both of them have visited the area that was affected by that nuclear disaster, and the subject now seems particularly topical following more recent events at Fukushima in Japan.

Friday 14 October at 6.30pm in the Amey Theatre marks an event aimed particularly at the Middle School scholars and their parents. The talk is on the subject of 'Medicinal Plants' by another OA, Timothy Walker, the Curator of Oxford University Botanic Gardens, and will be followed by a dinner to which Middle School scholars and their parents are warmly invited. Dr Gunn will be writing separately to all the parents of middle school scholars with further information about this event.

The final talk of the term for all scholars will be on Friday 11 November at 5.30 pm in the Amey Theatre. Our speaker will be the new MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, Nicola Blackwood, who will speak with first-hand experience of life in Parliament for a new MP, the realities of coalition government, and what it is like to serve on key select committees.

As ever, we would also urge the boys to go to as many as they can of the other 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. You yourselves, as parents, are also very welcome at these talks.

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 indeed whether at GCSE or in their AS levels.

Yours sincerely,

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