



# ABINGDON

From Head of Careers: Sarah Gibbard

13 February 2015

Dear Parents and Boys in the 5<sup>th</sup> year and the 6<sup>th</sup> form,

I would like to invite you to the annual **Joint Abingdon Independent Schools' Careers Convention**. This will be held at **St Helen's and St Katharine's School** this year on **Friday 13 March** from **6.50pm**. The evening is **compulsory for 5<sup>th</sup> year boys** and advisable for sixth-formers, particularly those as yet undecided about future careers or who are new to the school this year. Parents are encouraged to attend, but boys are welcome to attend on their own.

This year our keynote speakers are Mike Watts and Lucinda Whiteley of Novel Entertainment. The evening will start with their inspirational talk, which will be of interest to everyone and all are expected to attend. There will also be presentations on careers in **Art & Design, Law, Languages and Alternatives to Medicine**. The talks are optional and - where space is restricted - attendance will be on a first come, first served basis. In addition to the talks, **approximately fifty representatives from a wide spectrum of career areas (see flyer)** will be available all evening (after Keynote) to answer your son's questions and give an insight into their area of expertise on a one-to-one basis. The Regional Director of ISCO (Independent Schools Careers Organisation) will also be on hand throughout the evening to help with any general careers advice. Due to the popularity of this event, queues can build up whilst waiting for reps and I would ask you to make up small groups if this proves to be the case.

Please complete the SHSK web form in order to help us plan the evening. Booking will not guarantee seats, and if you change your mind about number of family members attending, or the talks you wish to attend then that is not a problem.

Parking can be problematic on these evenings due to the scale of the event so please try to car share where possible and arrive in plenty of time. Parking will be at St Helen's and at Larkmead School (opposite St Helen's). Our own Lower Field car park will also be available for use, only a 10 minute walk away.

Boys will be supervised in the Amey Theatre Foyer if they are staying in school before the Convention.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Gibbard  
Head of Careers  
[sarah.gibbard@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:sarah.gibbard@abingdon.org.uk)

Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1DE

Tel: 01235 521563 Fax: 01235 849079

[www.abingdon.org.uk](http://www.abingdon.org.uk)