



# ABINGDON

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To parents of all scholars

## Scholars' events in the Lent Term

We are writing to all parents of scholars to draw attention to the dates of the Roysse Society meetings this term, one of which is also the occasion of the annual dinner.

We have two talks, both in the second half of term, and I would be very grateful if you could make sure that your son is free and able to come to these two events: both will take place **in the CMR**. As ever, as parents you are very welcome to come along to these talks as well.

**Monday 9 March at 6.30pm** is the first talk. Sir Gordon Duff is a medic who is now Principal of St Hilda's College, Oxford. He has had a distinguished career in medical research and as government advisor on a range of public health matters, and was previously the Lord Florey Professor of Molecular Medicine at the University of Sheffield. He has also recently stepped down as the Chair of the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). He will be speaking about 'Changing the World by Science'.

This talk will also be followed by the annual scholars' dinner at 7.30pm in the Dining Hall. Although as parents you are very welcome to both talks I am afraid that only boys are invited to the dinner this term - we hope that as many as possible of them will be able to come along. There will be no charge, but I will be emailing you later in the term to ask permission for your son to attend the dinner.

For the second talk, on **Thursday 19 March**, Paul Hobbs will be giving a lecture entitled 'Believing in God: an artist's perspective.' As part of a week of activities called 'Lenten Life' (March 16-20), Paul will be spending three days at Abingdon in the Art and Religious Studies departments. Paul makes both celebratory abstract paintings, and painting and sculpture that consider contemporary social issues in the light of biblical values. The illustrated lecture will take place at 4pm in the CMR, which will also house one of his installations. The talk will be over at 5pm.

Mr Hallinan is also organising a trip for all third-year scholars this term and will shortly be writing further to all the third years about this.

As ever we welcome further suggestions for speakers for the future, and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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