



# ABINGDON

From Director of Rugby: Peter Coke

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Dear Parent,

**Rugby Tour Dinner, Saturday 23 May, Balliol College, Oxford University with guest speaker All Black Anton Oliver**

Our big Rugby Tour Fundraising event this Summer will be held at the **Balliol College, Oxford University** on Saturday 23 May. The evening, a **black tie** dinner in one of the most prestigious of Oxford colleges, is aimed at raising funds on behalf of the forthcoming Abingdon Senior School Rugby Tour to Australia and New Zealand this August.

The Tour Dinner will be headed up by **Jonty Hearnden** (BBC Cash in the Attic and Antiques Roadshow) and with our guest speaker for the evening being ex All Black and Oxford Blue Captain **Anton Oliver**. Tickets are £75 per head to include welcome Champagne reception, 3 course dinner, entertainment through our speakers and both a raffle and auction, with great prizes ranging from a days coaching at Abingdon School for a team by ex England Coach Andy Robinson; well renowned author and professional chef Katherine Frelon delivering a dinner part in your own home for up to a party of 10; a midseason weekend break in a beautiful apartment in Barcelona (1 & 2 August) to name just three items.

Monies raised from this and the many other events we have held to date, will go towards supporting the boys on tour, but also and very importantly supporting two fantastic charities we will support both here in the UK and over in New Zealand.

'Blue Skye Thinking' is a charity the boys and staff on tour are committed to supporting, a charity that helps support and research and treatment of childhood brain tumours. We also will support a charity based in Auckland: 'The Starship Foundation' aims to raise funds for life saving medical equipment and projects, ensuring all children in NZ can access world-leading healthcare. On our trip to NZ we intend to visit the hospital in Auckland and donate funds raised to Starship as well as returning to the UK and giving to Blue Skye Thinking.

Please join us on the evening which is open to all parents of all year groups, not just those that are touring Australia and New Zealand this summer. We are hoping to welcome people from the whole school community, as well as friends and family outside of school. I am sure we will have many OA's looking to attend, especially those that have fond memories of previous tours whilst wearing the pink and white. If boys are indeed keen to attend, then they are more than welcome to do so. Maximum numbers for this event is 220 and please sign up to reserve your places for what should be a great event.

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Please fill in the Rugby Tour Dinner form and send it back electronically, having saved and filled in all the information needed. If you have any further questions please contact via email, [peter.coke@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:peter.coke@abingdon.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Coke', written in a cursive style.

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