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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, 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 Amey Theatre**. As ever, as parents you are very welcome to come along to these talks as well.

Thursday 11 February at 5.30pm is the first talk. Wesley Ramm will be speaking to the title 'Engineering and design considerations for interplanetary spacecraft'. Wesley is managing director of Cyth Systems, Europe and is an experienced mechanical engineer. One of the projects which he has previously worked on was managing the test programme for the robotic arms on the Mars Exploration Rover which has been operational on Mars since the start of 2004. The talk will be over at 6.30pm.

For the second talk, on **Thursday 10 March**, Richard Bradley will be giving a lecture entitled 'Making TV History'. Richard is an experienced director and producer, and is managing director of Lion Television, which specialises in producing historical and other factual television programmes. In his lecture he will be exploring the different techniques and challenges of communicating history to audiences, illustrated by a range of clips.

This lecture will take place at 6.30pm in the Amey Theatre and will be over at 7.30pm. There will follow the annual scholars' dinner in the Dining Hall. Although as parents you are very welcome to the talk 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.

Earlier that same day, Mr Hallinan is organising a trip for all third-year academic scholars to Bletchley Park, and will shortly be writing further to all these third years about this.

As ever, we very much 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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