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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 main events (one of which is very early in the 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. As ever, as parents you are very welcome to come along to these talks as well.

**Thursday 18 January at 5.30pm** is the first talk, which will take place in the Amey Theatre. Dr Ollie Stoten is a doctor, who started out as an earth scientist, and is also a member of the Territorial Army and one of the top runners of ultra marathons in the country. He will be speaking about his record-breaking expedition last year skiing across Antarctica via the South Pole, and the medical and fitness challenges involved.

The second event will be on **Tuesday 13 March**. Professor Katya Andreyev, a lecturer in Modern History at the Russian and East European Studies Centre at the University of Oxford, will be speaking about Russia in 1917. She has published on the history of the USSR, including Russian emigration in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and is also interested in Russian Imperial history and émigré and dissident culture.

This talk will take place in the CMR at 6.30pm and finish at about 7.30pm. There will follow the annual scholars' dinner in the Dining-hall. Although as parents you are very welcome to this talk (though please let us know in advance if you will be coming as the CMR will be quite tight for space) 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.

In the second half of term, Mr Hallinan is organising a trip for all third-year academic scholars to Bletchley Park and will be writing separately to all these third years about this shortly.

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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