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From: Master of Scholars: Dr Chris Burnand

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To parents

Scholars' Events

I hope the scholars are all settling down to the new academic year after an enjoyable holiday, and some extremely impressive exam results. As ever, I am writing to alert you to the scholars' events, which Mr Hallinan and I expect them all to attend in the forthcoming term. We would be very grateful if you could put these dates in your diaries so that they can be kept free by the boys.

You, as parents, are also very welcome at these talks, particularly to the first two events, which are both in the Amey Theatre. If you wish to come to the Hutton talk, which is in the CMR, it would be helpful if you could let either of us know as space is more restricted.

On Friday 22 September at 5.30pm Dr Matthew Nicholls will be speaking in the Amey Theatre. He is a lecturer in Classics at the University of Reading, where he specialises in the political and social history of Rome. His talk is entitled 'Virtual Rome: a digital model of the ancient city', and in it he will discuss the way in which he has used technology to create this ground-breaking model of ancient Rome, and how this innovative use of IT is proving historically useful. This talk will be over at 6.30pm.

The second event of the term will take place on Friday 29 September, beginning at 6.00pm in the Amey Theatre. This will be the occasion of a range of presentations by our own boys – middle-school and sixth-form – which will be followed by the annual dinner to which middle-school scholars and their parents are invited. Mr Hallinan will be writing separately to all the parents of middle-school scholars with further, more detailed information about this event, a letter which will also contain further details of the programme in place for middle-school scholars.

The next event of the term will be on Wednesday 1 November, when we are delighted to be welcoming Will Hutton. Mr Hutton is a journalist and economist who has written for the Guardian and Observer for over fifteen years. He has written a number of best-selling books on economics and currently chairs the Independent Commission on Fees, an investigation into the long-term impact of UK student fees on access to higher education. He is also Principal of Hertford College, Oxford. This talk will be in the CMR and again will run from 5.30 to 6.30pm.

Finally we expect all academic scholars to attend the EPQ presentation evening on Monday 20 November at 5.30pm. At this event some thirty Upper Sixth students will be delivering a range of talks based on independent research conducted over the last twelve months, from the development of WWI aircraft to the Japanese economic miracle. It should be a fascinating evening.

As ever, we would also urge the boys to go to as many as they can of the departmental events advertised in the calendar. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or suggestions for future speakers: we have some ideas in the pipeline, but as ever further possibilities are always hugely welcome.

Yours sincerely

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