From Master of Scholars and Master-in-charge of Middle School Scholars: Dr C Burnand and Mr A Jamison

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To Parents of All Scholars,

**Scholars’ Events in the Lent Term**

We are writing to the parents of all 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 (the first of which is very soon) and I would be very grateful if you could make sure that you get these dates in your diaries now so that your son is free and able to come to both. As ever, as parents, you are very welcome to come along to these talks as well.

**Wednesday 15 January** at 5.30pmis the first talk, which will take place in the Amey Theatre and be given by Professor Myles Allen, who is Professor of Geosystem Science in the School of Geography and the Environment at Oxford as well as Head of the Climate Dynamics Group in the University's Department of Physics. His talk will largely focus on his research which is on how human and natural influences on climate contribute to observed climate change and risks of extreme weather. It’s set to be a fascinating talk from a leading figure on a very current issue.

The second event will be on **Wednesday 18 March**. Dr Tom Shannon will be speaking to the title: ‘From Medicine to the Movies and back’. He lives locally and created a company called Vicon, to use computer technology for motion capture. This was originally to measure human and animal movement to assist in the design of prosthetics and other medical apparatus. The technology was then adapted to assist in film-making and it has powered the CGI work for people like George Lucas, Ridley Scott and other noted film-makers. He has been at the forefront of computer technology since the 1980s and has a very interesting story to tell as the technology has been adapted over time and is now used in ways that he had never envisaged when he started out.

This talk will take place in the Amey Theatre at 6.30pm and finish at about 7.30pm. This will be followed by the annual scholars’ dinner in the Dining Hall**.** Although as parents you are very welcome to this talk, I am afraid that only boys are invited to the dinner this term; we hope that as many of them as possible will be able to come along. There will be no charge, but I will be emailing you in the next couple of weeks to ask permission for your son to attend the dinner.

On Friday 13 March, Mr Jamison is organising a trip to Bletchley Park for third year academic scholars, which we hope will generate some interesting responses from the boys just as last term’s trip to Oxford did for the fifth year in the form of the impressive newsletter which they produced. Mr Jamison will be in touch about this trip 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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