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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 both of the Roysse Society meeting and of other scholars' events this term. Because of the current omicron surge we have with regret decided to postpone the annual scholars' dinner (which was scheduled for January) to the summer, but the new plan is for this to happen on Friday 6 May, before exam year-groups go on study leave. At this event, various OAs of recent vintage will be speaking about topics that they have been particularly excited by in their studies at university, but we will write with more details about this and the dinner later this term.

Tuesday 15 March (5.30-6.30pm) is therefore the only full Roysse event of this term. This will take place in the Amey Theatre and the speaker will be David Isaac, the Provost of Worcester College. It is entitled 'My Career: Perspectives on Equality in the UK today'. David Isaac is a lawyer who has served as Chair both of Stonewall and of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (from 2016-20), before taking up his post at Worcester College last year. As ever – covid permitting – you, as parents will be most welcome to attend. I will write to confirm this nearer the time.

There is a second event that same week, which we would urge all scholars to attend. On **Friday 18 March** Lord Darroch (OA) will be talking in the Amey Theatre at 7pm. He is a distinguished former diplomat, who has served as British Representative to the EU, National Security Adviser, and British Ambassador to the US, latterly under the Trump administration. He will be talking about his fascinating career in conversation with Tom Swarbrick (OA), and it should be a very illuminating evening. Tickets (free for pupils and parents) are available from the Amey Theatre Box Office; please see the advertisement and [link](#) for this event in this same weekly mailing.

In addition, we expect all academic scholars to attend the EPQ evening, at which sixth-formers will be presenting on their various research projects. This will take place in the Yang Science centre from 5.20-7.15pm on **Thursday 10 February**. This should open the eyes of scholars to the exciting research they can do in the sixth form.

On **Monday 21 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 pupils just as last term's trip to Oxford did for the fifth year. Mr Jamison will be in touch about this trip shortly.

We would be very grateful if you could make sure to get all these events in your diaries now so that all the scholars can be free to come to them. 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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