



# ABINGDON

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To Parents

## Scholars' events this term

I hope all the scholars are all settling down to a new academic year. It was very pleasing to see again some excellent exam results from them, after an exam process which was more like one that we are used to, after a couple of very different years.

It is a particular pleasure to to introduce Mr Tim Chase as my new colleague taking over responsibility for the middle school scholars, and I am sure you will have the chance to meet him at future scholars' events, if you do not already know him as a history teacher and School House tutor. In the meantime, I write once more of forthcoming scholarship events, all of which we expect scholars to attend this term. We would be very grateful if you could put these dates in your diaries so that they can be kept free – all scholars of all types are expected to attend these events. As parents, you are once again very welcome to attend these talks in person.

On Thursday 29 September, at 5.15pm in the Amey Theatre, there will be an evening of presentations by some students in the current L6 who produced the best STEP (Summer Term Extension Programme) projects over the summer after their GCSE assessments were finished. The event, which celebrates the best of the independent research undertaken, will be finished by 6.45pm, and parents are especially encouraged to come to hear about the exciting work that has been done (and the event precedes the L6 Meet the Tutor evening that same night).

The second event of the term is on Tuesday 4 October at 5.30pm (which will either be in the Amey Theatre or the CMR). We welcome back an old friend of the school, Dr Hubert Zawadzki, who taught in the history department for many years, and has since appeared on the TV show 'Who do you think you are?' as an expert in Polish history, a subject on which he has also published. He will be speaking on 'The Land of the White Eagle: the Story of Poland', a subject all the more topical given the current crisis in eastern Europe. This talk will be over at 6.30pm.

Soon after half-term on Friday 4 November, beginning at 6.00pm in the Amey Theatre, we will have an evening featuring a range of presentations by our own middle-school scholars, which will be followed by the annual dinner to which middle-school scholars and their parents are invited. Mr Chase will be writing separately to 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 this term (including a trip for the fifth-year academic scholars to Oxford).

One final talk of the term is yet to be confirmed, but as soon as it is, I will communicate the details directly to you.

As ever, we would also urge the scholars to go to as many of the departmental events advertised in the calendar as possible. 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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