



# ABINGDON

From: Dr C Burnand and Mr T Chase

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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 the specialist scholars (Art, Sport etc) are now having regular events organised separately for them, we will now only expect all scholars to attend one joint event a term, though we will continue to run further events just for academic scholars.

The first such event is early in the term on **Friday 20 January** (5.30-6.30 pm). We are very lucky to have Patrick McCubbin (OA) returning to Abingdon to talk about his own work at Oxford, where he studied Biochemistry as an undergraduate and is now doing doctoral research. His talk is entitled 'From the developing brain to cryo-electron microscopy: a personal journey into scientific research', and he will be talking about his personal experiences at university studying science. Patrick has continued to have great success since leaving Abingdon, and last year won the Gibbs prize as the top candidate across the whole university for his performance in the Part II Biochemistry exam. All academic scholars are expected to attend this event (in the Amey Theatre), although others are also very welcome to come, as indeed are any interested parents.

The only full Roysse event of this term, which all scholars are expected to attend, is on **Friday 10 March**. We are delighted that Dr Kate Wheeler (a governor at Abingdon) is coming to speak about her experience working in paediatric oncology. Kate has been a consultant at Oxford's Children Hospital since 1995, and from 2010 to 2016 was the chair of the UK NCRI Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Neuroblastoma group. This talk will take place between 6.30 and 7.30 pm in the Amey Theatre. Again parents are most welcome at the talk, but the talk will be followed by the annual scholars' dinner, to which all scholars (but not their parents) are invited. I will be in touch with more details about this later in the term.

In addition, Mr Chase is organising a trip to Bletchley Park for third-year academic scholars, which we hope will generate some interesting presentations from them. In addition the fourth-year academic scholars are going to be reading Richard Ovenden's *Burning the Books* with him this term. Mr Chase will be in touch about both of these shortly.

We would be very grateful if you could make sure to get 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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