



DJB/LMD 8th September, 2017

For all Pupils and Parents/Carers of Pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13

Scholarship Fortnight 2017

As part of our annual Scholarship Fortnight initiative, we are running two evening events in September to which all students and parents of students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are warmly invited.

Senior Scholarship Evening

On Wednesday 13th September, the school will host its fifth annual Senior Scholarship Evening. The evening will comprise a suite of student presentations from some of last year's finest Extended and Higher Project Qualifications. Topics covered are incredibly diverse and will include:

- How will quantum computing affect cryptography?
- How does music affect the body?
- Is rehabilitation in UK prisons effective in preventing reoffending?
- What is the future of autonomous cars?

This evening will prove a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the scholarly endeavours of many of our new Year 12s and many of our recent leavers; full print versions of the dissertations on which the presentations are based will be published in the fifth edition of the St Olave's Academic Journal, which will be on sale for £7 later in the term. The evening commences at 6.30pm and should end no later than 8.45pm. There will be an interval and refreshments will be available. Whilst all are welcome, **students currently studying EPQ and HPQ are requested to attend** and all students considering studying EPQ are strongly encouraged to attend.

Harvard Outreach Evening

On Monday 25th September, Stuart Gordon, the head of Harvard Outreach UK, will be giving a detailed presentation on the admissions process to colleges in the USA. Any student considering making an application to study in the USA is strongly encouraged to attend. The presentation, followed by questions and answers from the floor, will commence at 7.00pm in the Great Hall and should finish no later than 8.15pm.

I hope that you will be able to come along to one or both of these evenings which promise to be hugely enjoyable and to set the highest aspirational standards for the academic year to come.

Symposium Series

I have also attached a copy of the “Symposium Series” timetable. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are all invited and encouraged to come along and hear from Olavian luminaries of yesteryear at our fifth annual symposium series. A huge range of subject interests will be covered by recent leavers who are currently at university (as you will see from the attached timetable). The talks will be aimed at older students, mainly but not exclusively at those with an interest in pursuing the same subject at university. There will also be a Q&A session after each talk where students can discuss not only the presentation topic, but also ask questions about life at university and the application procedure. The first talk will be a double bill on Monday after school in the Chapel at which Old Olavians Alexandros Adamoulas and Raunak Rao will present on “*Judgement and Decision Making – An introduction to Psychology in the Medical Workplace*”, and “*Is This The Way to Danum Valley: Interrupting Tutorials And Feeding Leeches In The Bornean Rainforest*”.

This full programme of presentations will also be circulated in notices to form tutors at the start of next week.

Please do encourage your son or daughter to attend and gain full benefit from these after school events.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Budds', written in a cursive style.

David Budds,
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