

Parents' Arts Society – Lent term 2012

Please do not forget the lectures!

The lectures are an important part of our programme and, although all our other events tend to get sold out very quickly, the talks are, of course, free and they are well worth attending. Once again, we have put together a distinguished and interesting lecture series, consisting of four talks. I do hope you will put these dates in your diary and come and support them. Drinks and sandwiches are available from 7.30 p.m. in the Lowry Room, and the lectures start at 8.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Tuesday 24 January: 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

Big School

“Cameron and Brown”, a talk by Dr Anthony Seldon

Anthony Seldon has spent a lifetime writing about Prime Ministers, he is the authorised historian of Number 10, and is regularly consulted about it on historical issues. His talk will focus on the tragedy of the Gordon Brown premiership and examine why this man, who spent ten years battling to make his way into Number 10, failed so miserably once he became Prime Minister. His book, “Brown at 10”, has been described by the BBC’s Nick Robinson as ‘The must-read account of Brown’s highly tempestuous premiership’. He will also be talking about how David Cameron manages his life in Number 10, and the very different atmosphere that pervades it under him. In the second half of his talk, Anthony will move to another of his great enthusiasms – happiness. He will preview his forthcoming book on happiness by outlining ten principal steps that we can all take to make our lives happy day by day. This is not a talk to be missed.

Wednesday 1 February: 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

The Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

**“Match or Mismatch: Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights”, a talk by
Dr Tom Winnifrith OT**

Tom Winnifrith is a University lecturer who attended Tonbridge School between 1951 and 1956. He read Classics and English degrees at Oxford, and went on to teach Classics and English at Eton College. He has written several books on the Brontes and is generally regarded as one of the most informed and entertaining speakers on the subject. There has been a major resurgence of interest in the Brontes due to the recent film versions of Jane Eyre (September 2011) and Wuthering Heights (November 2011). Tom will also provide some interesting anecdotes about his time at Tonbridge School, over half a century ago.

Thursday 8 March: 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

The Cawthorne Lecture Theatre

Steve Dilworth on Sculpture

Steve Dilworth was born in Yorkshire, studied at Maidstone College of Art and since 1983 has lived and worked on the remote Isle of Harris in Scotland. This landscape is a powerful influence on his work and he is renowned for using a wide range of natural materials, mostly found on the island. His work is both thought provoking and engaging. In 2011 the school commissioned a sculpture by Steve for the Leavers’ Gift. This was unveiled on Skinners’ Day and has received very positive feedback. Steve will be talking about his work.

... do come and join us!