



CATERHAM SCHOOL

18 May 2011

To Parents and Guardians of all Senior School students

Dear Parents and Guardians

Speech Day – Saturday 9 July 2011

I do hope that you will be able to join us for this year's **Speech Day** on **Saturday 9 July**.

The Chair will be taken by Mr J R Bloomer, Chairman of the Trustees, and we are delighted to welcome **Adam Hart-Davis**. Television's favourite science enthusiast, Adam is dedicated to engaging public interest in the history and invention behind the technology we take for granted. He has achieved that, to great acclaim, through series such as *How London Was Built*, *Live from Dinosaur Island*, *Science Shack*, *Come To Your Senses* and several series of *Local Heroes*, in which he zoomed around the country on a pink-and-yellow mountain bike. After a spell in publishing, Adam entered broadcasting at Yorkshire Television, where he researched and produced such series as *Scientific Eye* and Arthur C Clarke's *World of Strange Powers*. On radio, Adam has presented several science series, including *Inventors Imperfect*, *Inspiration! Elements of Surprise*, and *Re-inventing the Wheel*. Adam again conveyed his fascination with science and history in the series *What the Romans, Tudors, Stuarts and Victorians Did For Us*. He revealed, in the series *Just Another Day*, the history behind our everyday appliances.

Adam's list of over twenty seven published books includes *The Cosmos - A Beginner's Guide* and *Thunder, Flush and Thomas Crapper* (a history of the lavatory). In fact, Adam's interest in all things lavatorial led him to write a book about urine and to join The British Toilet Association! Adam conveys his many and varied interests and celebrates creativity, scientific heroes, inventors, ghosts, happiness, and, of course, lavatories.

All pupils, except those in the Fifth and Upper Sixth Form who have finished their public examinations and for whom the day is optional, are required to attend. As it is such an important School occasion, could I please ask that parents ensure no alternative arrangements are made for 9 July.

On Speech Day pupils should report to their Tutor Rooms for registration at 10.30am. Pupils will sit with their form groups during the ceremony and will be able to join their parents or guardians for refreshments when the prize ceremony finishes at around 12.30pm.

All parents and guardians are very warmly invited to attend. Please return the enclosed reply slip **by Friday 10 June** to the School Secretary, Mrs Allyson Aranha. We are anticipating considerable demand for tickets. **Should demand be such that all the seats in**

the marquee are taken, then tickets will be allocated on the basis of seniority of the pupils.

Timing

Speech Day guests should be seated by 10.45am as the formalities will begin promptly at 11.00am. There will inevitably be considerable congestion around the Car Parks so we strongly recommend leaving home in good time.

Speech Day Tickets

Please bring your Speech Day ticket with you on the day. Tickets are not required by pupils.

School Uniform

All pupils should be neat, tidy and wearing best school uniform. Sixth Form students should wear dark suits. Boys in the Sixth Form should wear white shirts and school ties and girls should wear white blouses. We would request that parents respect that the dress code is "smart".

Prize Winners

There is a rehearsal for prize winners starting **promptly at 9am** in the marquee.

Car Parking

There will be no parking at the front of the main School. All parents and guardians are asked to park in one of the following three places: Mottrams (Pre-prep School), Shirley Goss (Prep School) or on the Prep School Football Field.

Refreshments

At the end of the prize-giving there will be drinks outside the marquee.

I do hope that you will be able to join us for this important day in the School Calendar. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ms Ridge.

Yours sincerely

Julian Thomas
Headmaster