



## CATERHAM SCHOOL

### **Sir Bernard Ingham Delivers a Lecture at Caterham School**

Sir Bernard Ingham visited Caterham School on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to give the 2009 Caterham Lecture.

He spoke about The Thatcher Years and told the audience of parents, students and teachers what Margaret Thatcher was really like. One of the messages he was keen to communicate was that political commentators cannot properly take a view of post-war politics in Britain if the years of Tony Blair & Gordon Brown are viewed as a continuation of what went before. Sir Bernard explained that, in his opinion, things changed on 2 May 1997 and in some respects the Thatcher years were the very antithesis of government today.

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: " This was a very interesting lecture as Sir Bernard was his usual open and direct self. Our Conference Suite was full and everyone found the evening very stimulating. I think that, in particular, the Sixth Form students enjoyed it as Sir Bernard brought us his unique, behind the scenes, insight into a number of the key events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century including the Falkland's War, the miners' strike, the poll tax riots and the hunger strikes."



Upper Sixth Students Dominic Damesick, Ben Horne and Florence Nalson with Sir Bernard Ingham.