



## CATERHAM SCHOOL

### **Zac Goldsmith Visits Caterham School to Talk to the Sixth Form Forum**

The Sixth Form Forum is a monthly lecture for students which has the aim of widening their horizons and broadening their education. Notable past speakers include Andy Duncan, Jonathan Bloomer, Alan Pardew, Sir Anthony Meyer, and Otis Grand (blues guitarist & singer).

Zac Goldsmith was asked to oversee the Conservative Party's Quality of Life Policy Group last year, and to produce a report with policy recommendations on a wide range of issues from transport, housing, food and farming, biodiversity, the countryside and energy policy. He is also the Conservative Party candidate for Richmond Park. Previously he was editor of Ecologist magazine, which he joined in 1997. He has launched campaigns on, among other things, climate change, GM food and pesticides.

The lecture focused on the environment, which is a subject of high interest to the students and the school.

Zac Goldsmith said: "I was delighted to be invited to talk about the environment to the Sixth Form students at Caterham School. It's an increasingly important area and it's vital that the next generation engages now with the issue. I met members of the Green Team before the presentation and was hugely encouraged by their enthusiasm."

Headmaster Julian Thomas said: "We are delighted that Zac Goldsmith was able to spare the time to come to talk to our Sixth Form students. Although our students achieve excellent examination results with nearly all of them progressing to top tier universities, our main ambition is to help them become well rounded individuals with the capacity for independent thinking. The Sixth Form Forum is an integral part of our enrichment programme which is a key element in that process."



Headmaster Julian Thomas with Zac Goldsmith and Anthony Fahey