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From: Dr C Burnand and Mr I Middleton

Scholars' Summer Term Programme

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Dear Parents

This term there are no full scholars' talks owing to the rapid arrival of the exam season. However, there are a lot of other things going on for the younger scholars.

On Thursday 6 June, the 4th Year Academic Scholars will be going on a trip to Portsmouth to visit the historic dockyard, and visit the Mary Rose, HMS Victory, and other things. Mr Middleton will be writing to you with more details before half term. Also, later this term, we will be launching the summer projects for current 3rd and 4th Year scholars in the normal fashion. All these students will be asked to research a short presentation on a subject of their choice over the summer which they will then deliver to the other scholars in their year group in the early part of the Michaelmas Term. Some will then go on to give them again at the scholars' presentation evening on the occasion of the Middle School Scholars' dinner later that term.

We have already held a meeting with the 5th Year Academic Scholars to outline the requirements for the STEP programme (Summer Term Extension Project) which is now a well-established Abingdon institution. This is an inter-disciplinary research-based project for the students to undertake after they have completed their public examinations. We expect all the academic scholars to take part (it is optional for other pupils in the year), and we hope that they will seize this opportunity to develop their independent study skills. The best projects will receive generous rewards as well as having the opportunity to present them to fellow pupils and parents next term.

We continue to be very grateful for any suggestions for good speakers: if anyone has further names/contacts for next year please do get in touch with one of us.

Yours sincerely,

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