

Prep School Speech Day and Prize Giving - Saturday 24th June

Dear Parents

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to Prep School Speech Day on Saturday 24th June at 11am.

I am delighted that Professor Richard Hills will be our guest of honour and will present our prizes. Professor Richard is an Old Boy of Bedford School who is Emeritus Professor of Radio Astronomy at the Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge. He has spent his life studying the formation of stars and planets. He is the recipient of the Jackson-Gwilt Medal for the Royal Astronomical Society for his outstanding contributions, and was elected to the Royal Society in 2014.

This is our most prestigious event in the year. We would like to reward the prize-winners, of course, but we also wish to celebrate the efforts of the whole school and the events of the year. We will also take the opportunity of formally congratulating the Year 8 boys for their years in the Prep School and wishing them the best of luck as they move on and there will be a moment to do this during the course of the morning.

The event will be held in the Great Hall and we expect all boys in Years 5-8 to attend. Year 3 and Year 4 boys and parents are, of course, more than welcome and prize-winners in those year groups are expected to attend. On that morning there will be no lessons and boys' registration will be as follows:

10.15am - all prize winners from Y3-8 to go directly to the Great Hall in uniform for registration

- All other boys from Y5-7 to go to their tutor room at 10.15am for registration
- Any Y3-4 boys who would like to attend, but who are not prize winners, do not need to register and will sit with their parents (they do not need to be in uniform).

Boys must wear long sleeve white shirts and ties (no blazers or jumpers), and will sit in year groups with tutors.

Beforehand, coffee will be served in the dining hall from 10.00am and all parents are warmly invited. Parents can take their seats in the Great Hall from 10.30am and are asked to be seated by 10.50am.

Prize winners sit separately, and the names of this year's prize winners will be announced shortly.

After the speeches have concluded, there will be a Reception for Year 8 boys and their parents in the Erskine May Hall with drinks and canapés.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us on this very special occasion in our school calendar.

Very best wishes

Ian Silk
Headmaster