

# Twyford Speaker Programme 2017-18



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## **TWYFORD SPEAKER PROGRAMME 2017-2018**

Welcome to the Twyford Speaker Programme for 2017-2018!

The programme aims to provide sixth form students, especially those in Year 12, with additional wider learning opportunities in support of their curriculum studies and eventual UCAS application.

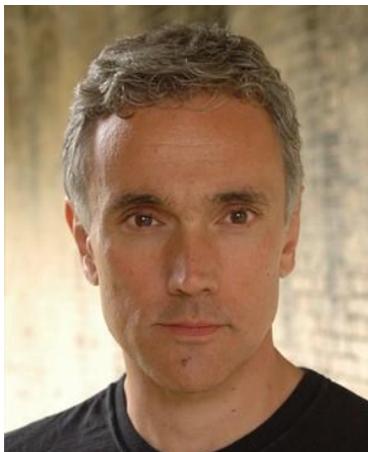
Whilst some events are of more interest to students of particular subjects, the programme is open to all students in years 12 and 13. It is strongly recommended that Year 12 students attend at least one programmed event. Past students have established ongoing connections with visiting speakers. Some have found support for EPQ choices and direction, whilst others have found encouragement and guidance towards UCAS decision making. This term we hope to welcome back one such student, Mari Johnson, currently researching her PhD in cellular medicine, who will talk about her Twyford Sixth Form experience.

Other visitors this coming year include mathematicians, a Shakespearean, an actor and the Director of policy for London First. The programme represents just a few of the academics and experts approached earlier this year. Many of those approached said 'yes' but, as to be expected, all have busy schedules. For those unable to visit this year we are already looking to 2018-2019 academic year for dates. To speakers visiting this year, giving so generously of their time and wisdom, we are sincerely grateful!

**All events are advertised in advance via the Wider Learning bulletin, assemblies, student email, tutor time, Sixth Form Centre and in departments where appropriate.**

We welcome feedback and suggestions. We are currently looking for student journalists to write a short report on each event. Please contact Ms Hinckley:

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**Ben Miles**

**Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time: 3.30-4.30**

**Location: DO6**

Ben trained at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and is one of our best known stage and television actors. In 2014, Ben played Thomas Cromwell in the acclaimed RSC production of Hilary Mantel's Man Booker award winning novels 'Wolf Hall' and 'Bring up the Bodies' with a sellout production in London and New York. Ben will talk about his training, work as an actor and the experience of playing Thomas Cromwell. For those of you who completed the summer task on 'Wolf Hall' bring along your reflections!

Of interest to Drama, English and History students.



**Selina Stone**

**Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

**Time: 3.30-4.30**

**Location: DO6**

Selina Stone is a graduate theologian and director of the William Seymour Programme, Centre for Theology and Community and is a lecturer at St Mellitus Theological College. Selina's commitment is to theology in society and the local community. In this capacity she has also worked as parliamentary assistant to Baroness Elizabeth Berridge. Selina will explore theology in relation to society and what this means for issues of social justice and equality

Of interest to students of Theology, Politics and Sociology.



**Dr Tanya Walker**

**Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**Time: 3.30-4.30**

**Location: DO6**

Dr Tanya Walker, Dean of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. An Oxford Graduate, Dr Walker began her career in politics before completing an MA in Islamic Societies and Culture and a PhD in Political Science. Married with two children, Dr Walker is an internationally renowned speaker. The topic for this event 'Can religion and science be friends?'

Of interest to all Philosophy/Theology students and Science students.



**Dr Sarah Maitland**

Date: **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Time: **3.30-4.30**

Location: **DO6**

Dr Sarah Maitland is Senior Lecturer in Translation Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London. Sarah is also a member of the Executive Council of the International Association for Translation and Cultural Studies. As a theatre translator, Sarah has worked with the Martin Segal theatre in New York, the Theatre Royal Bath and with the Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance. Sarah is an active member of 'Out of the Wings' Kings College, a collective of translators, researchers, academics and theatre makers. This will be a workshop on theatre translation, a discussion on routes into translation as a career, and career possibilities with a language degree.

Of interest to all Language students and Drama students.



**Dr Phil Ramsden**

Date: **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November (TBC)**

Time: **3.30-4.30**

Location: **DO6**

Dr Phil Ramsden, Principal Teaching Fellow, Cross Curricular Maths, Imperial College, will make a return visit! As with Dr Ramsden's last session on 'Secret Codes' this will be an interactive session, so bring pens and paper and calculators! Dr Ramsden is a mathematician specialising in computer algebra, and mathematical and scientific computing. With an extensive teaching career at both sixth form and university level, Dr Ramsden's will undoubtedly have another enthusiastic Twyford audience.

**Watch out for date confirmation...not to be missed!**

For all maths, physic and science students.



**Dr David Lutton**

**Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Time: 3.30-4.30**

**Location: DO6**

With a background in urban policy and economic development in London and Washington, David is currently executive policy director for business member organisation, London First. David's studies gained him a PhD in politics from Strathclyde, followed by experience as a visiting scholar at Harvard. Working within the Mayor of London's office and with McKinsey and Co, David's brief is to forge an economic development plan for London that incorporates major job and project growth. Previous experience in Washington with the think tank, Center for American Progress gave David the opportunity to work on policy issues related to US financial regulatory reform and economic growth. With experience of collaboration and leadership on initiatives relating to London as a global business centre and tourist destination, David is a regular participant on international panels. Given current key issues facing London and the UK, this promises to be an interesting and stimulating session.

Of interest to all students of politics and economics, but of interest to all students as future voting citizens and participants in the economy!



**Dr Alan Davies**

Date: **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Time: **3.30-4.30**

Location: **DO6**

Dr Davies is a mathematician with a background in structural engineering and numerical computation. Following a period as a research engineer for the aircraft industry and as a process engineer in the food industry, Dr Davies has spent the greater part of his career as an academic at the University of Hertfordshire with a focus on undergraduate and postgraduate mathematics, science and engineering. As an organiser of masterclasses for the Royal Institute of Mathematics, Dr Davies gives workshops for Years 7-13. Workshops reflect Dr Davies interest in applied mathematics, particularly mechanics. He is a popular lecturer for audiences of both lay and specialists...as he says 'aimed at audiences 8 to 108'

This will be a practical and participatory session. Bring pens, paper and calculators.

For all maths students, physics students and those interested in engineering.



**Professor Emma Smith**

Date: **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

Time: **3.30-4.30**

Location: **DO6**

Professor Smith is a Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford and lecturer in English specialising in Renaissance and Shakespearean studies. She has published extensively on Shakespeare and has a particular interest in how the interpretation of Shakespeare does particular cultural work at different moments. Professor Smith's lectures are available on podcast via the Oxford University store and iTunes U.

The session will focus on the current Shakespeare studies of Twyford students taking A level English, and will include exploration of 'Hamlet'

Of interest to all students taking English literature and will be particularly useful to those considering literature studies at undergraduate level.



**Dr Francesca Moore**

**Date: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Time: 3.30-4.30**

**Location: DO6**

Dr Moore lectures in the Department of Geography, Homerton College, Cambridge. A Cambridge graduate, Dr Moore then completed an MSc in International and European Politics before completing a PhD in Historical Geography. Dr Moore is an historical-political geographer and her research develops new perspectives on population politics, In particular, Dr Moore focuses on the ways in which women have been the targets of both state and voluntary sector population control projects. This work intersects with historical and political geography, demography, social policy and the history of medicine. Dr Moore will discuss her training as a geographer and her work in this interesting area of applied geography.

Of interest to all Geography students, History and Politics students.



### **Professor Joan Anim-Addo**

**Date of visit to be confirmed – please check Wider Learning bulletin**

Professor Anim-Addo is professor of Caribbean Literature and Culture in the Department of English and Comparative Literature and founder of the Centre for Caribbean and Diaspora studies. Since joining the department in 1994, Joan has inspired new generations of students to pursue their own literary ambitions, fostering understanding and collaboration across barriers of history, culture and gender. Her work led to a Lifetime Achievement Award by US literary journal Callaloo. Amongst Professor Anim-Addo's publications are an opera libretto 'Imoinda' based on the writing of Aphra Behn and a literary history '*Touching the Body: History, Language and African-Caribbean Women's writing*'. Of her work with her students, Joan notes: 'The enjoyment and study of great literature should not be off limits to anyone, and I hope I can encourage people who might face resistance to entering academic life to read, discuss and contribute for themselves.'

Of interest to all students of Literature, Politics and History.

## FINALLY....

At the time of going to press we are finalising dates on the visits of:



**Mari Johnson**, graduate in cellular medicine, currently beginning her PhD at Oxford. Mari will talk about her time in the Twyford Sixth Form and her EPQ on the genetic modification of the anopheles. A visiting speaker of the Twyford Speaker Programme, Professor Sunetra Gupta, linked Mari to one of the PhD students on her team. This was a significant factor in researching an exceptional EPQ giving Mari insight into undergraduate study and influencing her UCAS course choice. A later interview for internship at the Francis Crick Institute focused on Mari's EPQ. Oh the places you can go with an EPQ!



**Elizabeth Llewellyn** acclaimed British soprano. Her very busy schedule permitting, we hope to welcome Elizabeth to Twyford in the spring term. An early interest in singing, piano and violin led Elizabeth to training at the Royal Northern College of Music. Illness at the age of 22 affected her voice, leaving Elizabeth unable to follow her passion for over ten years. The journey back began with an amateur opera group where Elizabeth was quickly noticed. Roles at Glyndebourne and the ENO have followed. Most recently Elizabeth was nominated for singer of the year by OpernWelt magazine. Elizabeth's is a story not only of huge talent but of courage and determination.



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