



Encounters

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Incredible speakers and stories to inspire and engage pupils from all year groups.



SIMON WESTON OBE

An Encounter with the Falklands War: 40 Years On
Tuesday, 11 January
Bridge House Theatre | 4.15pm

Simon was a 21 year old soldier in the Welsh Guards and suffered terrible burns when HMS Sir Galahad was set on fire by Argentine missiles during the Falklands War. Simon will be talking about the Falklands War 40 years on and how he remade his life following his life-changing injuries.

STEPHEN SIDAWAY

An Encounter with the Atlantic
Friday, 21 January
Science Lecture Theatre | 4.15pm

Stephen Sidaway is a retired Detective Inspector from Warwickshire Police. Naturally competitive and one who has tried his hand at most sports, he turned to rowing later in life. With the opportunity of time afforded to him he wanted to truly test himself by rowing across the Atlantic Ocean. He will talk about the challenge and his reflections on the lessons it provided.



SIR ANTHONY SELDON

An Encounter with 53 Men and Two Women -
Three Hundred Years of Prime Ministers
Friday, 28 January
King's High Hall | 4.15pm

Sir Anthony Seldon is the author of numerous books on British Prime Ministers and UK government. Probably the most influential Headteacher of recent years, Sir Anthony also served as Vice-Chancellor of Buckingham University. He has recently completed a 1000km pilgrimage along the western front.

OWEN JAMES OW

An Encounter with Afghanistan - "The war in Afghanistan:
a platoon commander's perspective"
Friday, 4 February
Science Lecture Theatre | 4.15pm

Owen was educated at Warwick School, Jesus College, Oxford and London Business School. He commissioned from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst into the Welsh Guards and served in Afghanistan in 2009 where he led an infantry platoon in combat at the height of the conflict. Owen left the Army in 2011 and has since followed a varied career across management consulting, retail and consumer healthcare sectors. Owen will be sharing a 'ground-level' perspective of the war in Afghanistan, the challenges he faced and the lessons he learned during his 6-month operational tour.





JANINE WEBBER

An Encounter with Suffering, Endurance and Evil
Friday, 11 February
Live Teams link to the Science Lecture Theatre | 4.15pm

Janine was born to a Jewish family in Lwów in Poland (now L'viv, Ukraine) in 1932. When the Nazis invaded her father was shot and the family were sent to the ghetto where her mother died of typhus. With other members of Janine's extended family falling victim to disease or deportation to Bełżec death camp, Janine escaped the ghetto and lived a dangerous and fraught undercover life until liberation in 1945. In 1956, Janine came to the UK to improve her English, where she met and married her husband. They had two sons and two grandsons. Today, Janine lives in London and regularly shares her testimony with schools.

LUKE HANRAHAN OW

An Encounter with the Media and Journalism
Friday, 4 March
Science Lecture Theatre | 4.15pm

Luke Hanrahan studied A Levels at Warwick School and following university worked as an investigative reporter for the BBC. A Royal Television Society Award winning reporter, for past three years Luke has been working freelance. His most recent have interviews have been with Nancy Pelosi and John Kerry at COP26 in Glasgow.



PROFESSOR PETER VARNISH OW

An Encounter with Scientific Brilliance
Friday, 18 March
Science Lecture Theatre | 4.15pm

Professor Peter Varnish, OBE; FREng left Warwick School in 1965 and was President of the OWA in 2020 and 2022. He has spent time as a diplomat; in the MoD, Foreign Office and Defence Research Agency. His present work includes responding to cyber warfare and identifying the possible threat from China, data mining, and the benefits from genome sequencing. He is particularly keen to advise and encourage young engineers. He will talk on the threats we may face and the role of technology.

DAVID BLUNKETT

An Encounter with an Incredible Life Story
Thursday, 24 March
Bridge House Theatre | 4.15pm

David Blunkett's political career began on Sheffield City Council. First elected an MP in 1987, he was Education and Home Secretary under Tony Blair and now sits in the House of Lords. Blind from birth and brought up in one of the poorest parts of Sheffield, David will reflect on his remarkable life and political career.



Encounters will return in Summer Term 2022

Featuring Dominic Sandbrook (British historian, author, columnist and television presenter), Professor Adam Smith (Professor of US Politics & Political History at the University of Oxford), and many more.



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