

VISITING SPEAKERS

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**Ray Dexter: 'The Etymology of the Elements' –
Foxcroft Lecture Theatre – 7.15pm**

Ray is a well-known Chemistry teacher, who is currently Head of Chemistry at Repton School. His talk will be a fascinating insight into his favourite elements. As well as being a teacher, and author of the IB Chemistry Revision Guide, he has also written a number of popular culture books.

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**Tim Butcher: 'Blood River' –
Online – 7.15pm**

Adventure, risk and detail, these are the passions driving renowned speaker Tim Butcher. His best-selling books straddle travel-writing, history and politics. His latest book inspects how globalism clashes with nationalism in the post-Brexit age.

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**Dr Andrew Worrall: 'Chemistry laboratories at Oxford University'
Foxcroft Lecture Theatre – 7.15pm**

Andrew has had a distinguished teaching career at the University of Southampton, RGS Worcester, Tonbridge School, and finally as the Head of Chemistry and Science at Harrow School. Since April 2017 he has been the Laboratory Course Developer in the Department of Chemistry at Oxford University. Andrew has co-written many academic research papers and articles. He is well known to the Faculty through his invitation-only membership of the 59 Club for Heads of Sciences across the UK.

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**Prof Julian Allwood: 'Really delivering zero emissions in the UK
– without the techno-fantasy' (DB academic conference lecture) –
Collingwood Hall – 2pm to 3pm**

Julian is Professor of Engineering and the Environment at the University of Cambridge. He worked for 10 years for Alcoa, before academic positions at Imperial College and Cambridge. He leads the Use Less research group which develops new processes, whole-systems analysis, and strategy and policy recommendations to mitigate climate change. From 2009-13 he held an EPSRC Leadership Fellowship, to explore Material Efficiency as a climate mitigation strategy – delivering material services with less new material. This led to publication in 2012 of the book 'Sustainable Materials: with both eyes open' and was listed by Bill Gates as 'one of the best six books I read in 2015.'



**Modern Languages Society: 'Languages for Life Colloquium' –
Collingwood Centre – 7.15pm**

Various guest speakers, including Rugbeians, have been invited to address the Modern Languages Society about how the study of languages has helped them in their chosen careers. An excellent opportunity to learn more about the many exciting career opportunities for those who have studied Modern Languages at university. Students from DB – XX are welcome to attend.



**Prof Simon Armitage CBE: 'English Lecture'
Macready Theatre – 7.15pm**

Simon is the current national Poet Laureate (2019-2029).

A Professor of Poetry at the University of Leeds, he was elected to serve as Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford for 2015-2019.

Armitage has received numerous awards for his poetry including *The Sunday Times* Young Author of the Year, the Ivor Novello Award for song-writing, BBC Radio Best Speech Programme, Television Society Award for Documentary and Keats-Shelley Prize for Poetry. He won the 2017 PEN America Award for Poetry in Translation and was awarded the 2018 Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. He was named the Millennium Poet in 1999 and later elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, receiving a CBE for services to poetry in 2010 and the Hay Medal for Poetry at the 25th Hay Festival in 2012.

As part of Britain's 2012 Cultural Olympiad, Armitage conceived and curated Poetry Parnassus, a gathering of world poets and poetry from every Olympic nation. This landmark event is generally recognised as the biggest coming together of international poets in history.



**Quentin Tchakhotine: 'Changing Strategy and Structure
in the Covid 19 Pandemic' –
Foxcroft Lecture Theatre – 7.15pm**

Quentin has been involved in high level strategy in several European and global businesses. Currently Chief Strategy Officer for Europe and the US at food company Danone, he has led on large-scale and unexpected changes as a direct result of the Covid 19 pandemic.



**Dr Emily Ward: 'Adolescence and Belonging in the Past' –
Macready Theatre – 7.15pm**

Emily is a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow at UCL researching 'Adolescence and Belonging in Medieval Europe, c.1000–c.1250'. She is interested in how concepts of adolescence shifted across the period and how wider social and cultural changes impressed themselves on young people. Her first monograph, 'Royal Childhood and Child Kingship: Boy Kings in England, Scotland, France and Germany, c.1050–1262', is under contract with Cambridge University Press.

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