



FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

MONDAY 12 – FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Inspiring speakers from manufacturing, to sports,
literature and resilience, and everything in-between.

Festival of Ideas 2018

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Monday 12 – Friday 16 November 2018

Monday 12th November 2018

8.40am – 9.40am – Talk from Orla Murphy (Quality Engineer at Jaguar Land Rover) – Octagon – open to all pupils

Orla will be talking about her education and career to date. This is highly recommended for anyone interested in either the worlds of music and engineering (or both!), with Orla having studied the unusual course of Electronics and Music at university.

1.00pm – 2.00pm – Talk from Simon Parker (Travel writer and Journalist) – Octagon – open to all pupils

Simon will be talking about his career and adventures to date. Highly recommended for anyone interested in journalism, travel or simply an adventure.



Orla Murphy

STEM Ambassador, Orla Murphy is one of engineering's rising stars. Young Woman Engineer of the Year 2015, BrightSparks winner 2018, and listed in The Telegraph and Women in Engineering's Top 50 Women Engineers, Orla works as an Engineering Quality Transformation Manager with Jaguar Land Rover, improving the quality of electrical components in current – and future – vehicles. Her previous JLR role as Audio Engineer combined her love of music and science, with her team responsible for ensuring each vehicle had 'the acoustics of a concert hall'. Orla says: 'I love working on technology which is ahead of its time – the stuff of the future.'



Simon Parker

Travel writer and journalist, Simon Parker reports for the BBC from around the world, visiting over 30 countries each year. He has covered the migrant crisis in Greece, the barrios of Northern Colombia and product shortages in Venezuela. His own adventures include paragliding solo through the Andes, driving a rickshaw the length of India, and racing with (and against) the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, sailing and cycling from China to London in 133 days.

Tuesday 13th November 2018

8.55am – 10.55am – Resilience Workshop with Positively Mad – Main Hall – ALL Year 8 pupils

Learning to navigate life is a little like learning to be a circus performer; we need to juggle a few balls, balance many demands, walk the tightrope, let go and trust that others will be there to catch us, clown around a little and feel the thrills. This workshop looks at all the demands being placed on today's teenagers and shows you how to find balance, look after yourselves, become resilient and take control of your future.

1.00pm – 2.00pm – Talk from Alex Hibbert (Polar Explorer) – Octagon – open to all pupils

Alex will be talking about all his many adventures and how he got to where he is now.

2.00pm – 4.00pm – Goal Mapping workshop with Positively Mad – Main Hall – ALL Year 10 pupils

This workshop helps you to identify your goals and the routes to achievement. Goal Mapping gives you the boost you need to step up to the demands of the next level of education or, indeed, the step up from education into the workplace. It will help you gain clarity on what your ambitions are, what you need to achieve and how you are going to get there. You will set targets for yourselves that are challenging enough to excite and realistic enough to achieve.



Alex Hibbert

Alex Hibbert holds the Polar World Record for skiing further on an unsupported Arctic journey than anyone in history. He completed his 1374-mile, 113-day 'Long Haul' with no resupplies or physical support - and almost no food, in the final week. Unusually for polar explorers, he 'loves the pitch-black of the Arctic winter', and specialises in winter travel. He is currently planning his Dark Ice Project, an expedition to the Geographic North Pole. He also runs privately guided expeditions to Norway, Iceland, Greenland and Antarctica (from £40,000 per person).

Wednesday 14th November 2018

**9.00am – 11.00am – Careers Hot seating event with King's Parents
– Main Hall – ALL Year 9 pupils**

**2.15pm – 4.00pm – Year 12 Celebration of Achievement Event with
Linda Jackson (Citroen Global CEO) – Main Hall – ALL Year 12 pupils
and parents & All Year 11 pupils**

Whilst also celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 girls in this year's GCSE exams, Linda Jackson, CEO of Citroën Global, will be talking about her climb to becoming one of the most powerful women in the motor industry. A local girl from Coventry, she will be an inspiration to girls just about to start out on their own journeys in the sixth form and beyond.



Linda Jackson

The CEO of Citroën Global, Linda Jackson is one of only two women in the world leading a car company. Last year, she was named 'the most influential woman in the motor industry' in Autocar's Great British Women in the Car Industry Awards. Linda's journey through the automotive industry began when she took a holiday job as a teenager, stapling invoices for Rover. Since Linda headed up Citroën brand, the design, engineering, marketing, car naming policy and much of the car range itself have been overhauled, and European sales have risen by around 22%. Linda was born in Coventry and holds an MBA from the University of Warwick. She told the Financial Times: "Having a woman in my role would be impossible to think of 10 years ago. When I told people I worked in the car industry, they used to think I was a mechanic."

Thursday 15th November 2018

**3.00 – 4.00pm – Talk from Laura Bates (Everyday Sexism Project)
– Main Hall – ALL Year 12 and 13 pupils**

Laura will talk about her Everyday Sexism project which has become a global phenomenon.

**4.30 – 5.30pm – Inspire Lecture – Prof Sir Jonathan Bate on
“Shakespeare and the importance of reading” – open to all pupils,
parents and staff**

Professor Sir Jonathan Bate will be speaking at the first of this year’s Inspire Lectures. A rare and unique opportunity to hear from one of the world’s most renowned academics on Shakespeare.



Laura Bates

Laura Bates is the founder of the Everyday Sexism Project. The project began as a blog, cataloguing instances of sexism experienced on a day to day basis, ‘from the outrageous to the niggling.’ The Everyday Sexism Project has grown to become a global phenomenon, documenting the experiences of tens of thousands of women worldwide. Laura writes weekly for The Guardian’s women’s blog. The problems girls as young as ten can encounter in their daily lives has become a particular crusade for her.



Professor Sir Jonathan Bate (Inspire Lecture)

Provost of Worcester College and Professor of English Literature at the University of Oxford, Jonathan Bate is one of the leading Shakespeare scholars in the world. His works on Shakespeare include *The Genius of Shakespeare* and *Soul of The Age: The Life, Mind and World of William Shakespeare*, and he co-edited *The RSC Shakespeare: Complete Works*, which remains the market-leading edition in the UK. He was consultant curator for the British Museum’s major Shakespeare exhibition for the 2012 Cultural Olympiad. His one-man play for Simon Callow, *Being Shakespeare*, toured the Edinburgh Festival, the West End, and New York. He is a Governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company, Vice-President of the British Academy, and was awarded a CBE in the Queen’s 80th Birthday Honours for his services to higher education.

Friday 16th November 2018

1.00pm – 2.00pm – Workshop with Nicholas Hare Architects – Octagon – open to all pupils

Architects from Nicholas Hare will be talking about the world of architecture, and will also be able to give great insight in to the Project One Campus. Highly recommended for anyone interested in architecture or design or about the development of the new school.

2.15pm – 3.30pm – Cricket coaching session with Marie Kelly and Complete Cricket – KHS Fields – Year 5 & 6 WPS pupils

Girls will be experiencing a training session with one of the best international women's cricket players.

4.15pm – 5.30pm – Cricket coaching session with Marie Kelly and Complete Cricket – KHS Fields – open to all pupils (limited places)

Girls of all abilities are welcome to come and experience a training session with one of the best international women's cricket players.



Marie Kelly

The Warwickshire & Birmingham Bears' Women's Captain, Marie Kelly was selected to play for Warwickshire U11, and has continued to play for Warwickshire throughout all age groups, through to the Women. She was part of the England U19 Development Programme and made her debut for England against Sri Lanka in 2013. 'Captain Kelly' represented England U19 in a tour to South Africa and has toured with the MCC. Her cricketing highlight to date was scoring 201* off 145 balls for Warwickshire U15, followed by a 110* the next day in a T20 against Worcestershire. She is Head of Women and Girl's Cricket at Complete Cricket.





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