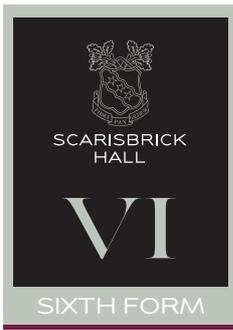

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Great Hall

LECTURE SERIES

JANUARY - MARCH 2017





We are delighted to announce our third Great Hall Lecture Series will commence this January with a series of lectures from academics representing some of the top universities in the country.

Our visiting speakers look to inspire students and provoke intellectual curiosity. The topics under scrutiny will be appropriately diverse to appeal to every student and will include an eclectic range of subjects.

The lecture series compliments fantastically with our preparation for university and beyond. Students see, hear and engage with the very academic specialists to whom they will be exposed to at university. In the process, they have the opportunity to think outside the box which encourages intellectual exploration rather than going through the conventional examination hoops.

Our Great Hall Lecture Series is just one element of Scarisbrick Hall School's commitment to academic enrichment which aims to nurture interest and equip pupils for their lives at university and in employment. Our lectures aim to broaden horizons and give an impetus to developing independent thought and aspirational beliefs and confidence.

Welcome to the third Great Hall Lecture Series at Scarisbrick Hall School. Although the series is closely linked to our Sixth Form, I am confident that learners of all ages will find the 2017 series an exciting event to participate in.

The ethos of our school is to 'support and inspire learners to succeed in an environment of love and care'.

I believe that this lecture series plays a key role in establishing this ethos.

This unique opportunity for our students to listen to and engage with leading academics will spark aspirations and inspire creative thought in all who attend.

The 2017 lecture series boasts a wide variety of content across a broad spectrum of learning.

I look forward to introducing learners to this inspirational series.

Mr J Shaw
Headmaster

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017

Dr Margaret Forsyth
Senior English Lecturer
Edge Hill University

Victorian Literature

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017

David Edwards
Geologist and Arctic Explorer

Geology and the Environment

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2017

Ian Harris
Criminal Law and Court Protection Barrister

Criminal Law

THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017

Dr Gareth Downing
Senior Economics Lecturer

Economics, Governance and Growth

Dr Margaret Forsyth

Edge Hill University

(Senior Lecturer in English Literature & English Admissions Tutor)



Research Interests:

Nineteenth-century
working-class women's writing

Victorian print culture

Literature and gender

I have worked at Edge Hill for sixteen years, taking up my current post as Senior Lecturer in 2011. During my career as a Lecturer in English Literature, I taught at Salford and Manchester Metropolitan Universities. Whilst I teach widely across English Literature modules, my specialism is Victorian Literature, particularly, popular culture and working-class women's writing. Maintaining a focus on the Nineteenth Century, I have developed a third-year module, 'Dickens and Popular Culture' that focusses on Dickens not only as an author but also on his role as a journalist, editor and performer.

I lead a first-year module LIT1010, Introduction to Literary Periods and Genres 1 and teach a range of first, second and third-year undergraduate modules. For the postgraduate MA in Popular Culture, I am module co-leader for HUM 4029: Print and the People and contribute to the delivery of HUM 4030: Fictions of Class.

I have also developed a new module, HUM4036: The Pre-Raphaelites and their circle in Literature and Art, for inclusion in the MA Popular Culture portfolio. In addition to my teaching, I am Admissions Tutor for English and a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

David Edwards

(Lecturer on Geology, Adventure and the Environment)



David trained as a geologist at Edinburgh University. He has subsequently worked as a ranger in the Grand Canyon, an expedition science leader in Botswana and on a biodiversity survey of Montserrat.

He was Director of Studies for Edinburgh University's Global Environmental Change international summer school. While the Royal Geographical Society's Expedition's Advisor, he fell off a mountain and self-rescued with broken legs.

He has run environmental sustainability courses for Glasgow University, worked on ocean research ships, and has lectured at the University of Maine, USA.

He currently tutors on the environment for the Open University and guides on earth science field trips to Italy and Iceland. David was awarded Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in recognition of his public communication of geographical subjects.

He has written for national journals and has contributed to Radio 4's 'Excess Baggage' travel show.

Geology and Environmental studies:

Montserrat, Caribbean - biodiversity studies, volcanic eruption

Antarctica - Geography, climate, wildlife and personal sacrifice

Iceland - Geology and volcanic activity

Grand Canyon, Colorado, USA - National Park Range experiences

Botswana - Bush travels, desert survival, health, political and social challenges

Volcanoes - Italy, Hawaii, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand and Montserrat

Utah & Arizona, USA - Geological wonders in the national parks

Canada - Two man exploration of the Canadian Icefields

Energy Future - Energy Security, political, ethical and practical considerations

Ian Harris

Exchange Chambers

(Barrister)



Ian is a very experienced junior acclaimed by Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 as a leader in the criminal field. Used to handling heavy and complex cases across the criminal spectrum, often leading second juniors in both prosecution and defence trials. He is briefed in many drugs, fraud and violence cases and has acted in many murder and gangland conspiracies, as well as serious sexual offences. Ian is regularly briefed in the Court of Appeal and has represented the prosecution on murder appeals (most recently 2015 when a hearsay point between co-defendants was argued) and many appellants on conviction and sentence appeals.

Ian's regulatory work involves representing solicitors. Ian has extensive experience of the workings of solicitors' practices, having originally qualified as a solicitor in 1979 and working for different firms before becoming an equity partner for 8 years. For obvious reasons names of clients remain confidential but he has recently acted for 3 solicitors during investigatory proceedings that involved disclosure applications pursuant to production orders and successfully resisted any publicity and/or subsequent charges. One enquiry ran for over 6 years before it concluded satisfactorily.

Crown Court Case Experience:

Money Laundering
Fraud
Conspiracy
Homicide
Drugs
Violence
Psychiatric Issues

Recommendations:

"He prosecutes and defends the full scope of criminal offences, and has appeared as lead junior in significant cases."

- Chambers and Partners 2016

"He is a senior junior who comes with the gravitas you would expect. He's not fazed by any particular issue and has a good eye for detail." "He is thorough and conscientious, presents brilliantly in court, and has a lovely way with the jury."

- Chambers and Partners 2015

"Ian Harris has impressed solicitors with his work handling legal and factually complex cases. He was able to predict the Crown's approach to the case, and effectively negate their points before they could become a problem"

- Chambers & Partners 2014

"Measured and cogent submissions"

- CA Baker [2008]
EWCA Crim 334.

Dr Gareth Downing

University of Huddersfield

(Senior Lecturer in Economics,
Department of Accountancy, Finance and Economics)



Gareth's main research interests are in the areas of Governance and Growth. In particular, the focus of his PhD is on the relationship between Decentralisation, Corruption and Economic Development. Gareth is also interested in monetary economics and the Post Keynesian perspective.

Gareth Downing joined the University as a lecturer in Economics in 2013. Before joining the University of Huddersfield, Gareth worked briefly with the Scottish Government within the newly formed fiscal responsibility team looking into issues related to possible future independence. Before deciding to take a career in economics Gareth spent several years working in the field of mental health on an acute psychiatric ward which he found extremely interesting and rewarding.

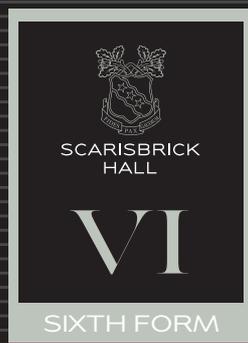
Gareth is in the final stages of an ESRC funded PhD from the University of Manchester. Whilst studying towards his PhD Gareth worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in a wide range of subjects which sparked his interest in the introduction of new interactive technologies to improve teaching. Before this Gareth obtained his BSc in Economics with 1st class honours from Manchester Metropolitan University and his MSc in Economics with distinction from the University of Manchester.

Publications:

Downing, G (2016) 'How the G7 can boost the global economy' *The Conversation*. ISSN 2044-5032

Research Interests:

Emerging Markets



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