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Dear Parent,

As we come to the end of this academic year, I want to highlight a very special guest speaker, Mr Simon Yates (*Touching the Void*) who will be visiting the College as part of his UK Tour on Thursday 22nd September at 7.00pm.

Simon is best known for his role in Joe Simpson's bestseller 'Touching the Void' and is one of the most accomplished exploratory mountaineers of all time. This is his amazing journey from that mountain in Peru to some of the remotest on the planet. On the remote Siula Grande in Peru in June 1985, mountaineer Simon Yates found himself in a desperately unenviable position. He was slowly being pulled off the mountain face by his injured partner, Joe Simpson, who was dangling on the rope fifty metres below. His decision to cut the rope saved both their lives and with the publication of the book 'Touching the Void', later film and stage play, both climbers became household names.

It was an experience that could have put many off the sport of mountaineering - but not Simon. Over 35 years later, he is still a very active exploratory climber and guide, making several expeditions to the mountains each year. From the Arctic to the Antarctic, Alaska to Central Asia there is hardly a significant range that he has not visited. Come along and witness Simon's tireless journey from that mountain in Peru to some of the remotest on the planet and share with him the drama, excitement and beauty of modern, lightweight alpinism. Told with wit, dry humour and lavishly illustrated with images and video collected on his great climbs. "Simon is a totally engaging speaker, who both entertains and inspires."

This event is a ticket only event and we expect it to sell out quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are priced at £15 for Adults and £10 Child (Under 18). To book, please click on the <u>link</u> to complete the purchase, choosing Simon Yates "My Mountain Life" in the drop-down section of the 'payment for' box. Please complete the number of tickets required in the 'details box' if purchasing more than one ticket. Any problems with booking or payment, please contact Mrs Chantelle Rossow on 01691 626505 or email chantelle.rossow@ellesmere.com

I hope you will join us on Thursday 22^{nd} September at 7.00pm for what promises to be an incredible evening with Simon Yates.

Regards,

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