

28 February 2011

Dear Pupils

TOK Conference and Evening Lecture with Dr Peter Vardy – Thursday 24 March 2011

There are two exciting events taking place on Thursday 24 March which I hope you will be involved in. Both events are led by our visiting speaker Dr Peter Vardy, from the University of London, an exciting and experienced Philosophy and TOK speaker. They have been arranged by an external provider, Petra Conferences, who organise these highly-successful conferences all over the world and therefore Sixth formers from other schools in Hampshire will be coming to PGS to join us for these events.

- **TOK Conference** (periods 2-5): Dr Vardy will present a varied session on how Theory of Knowledge and Philosophy can be applied to subject areas such as the beginnings of the Universe, Economics, Faith and Evolution in the DRT. This is **compulsory** for students in Year 12 (all IB students and all A level PRS students) and will contain a wealth of ideas relevant to both courses. Some Year 11 students interested in IB or A level PRS are also invited to attend. We have been able to arrange for PGS pupils to pay just £12 for the conference, a significant discount on the usual Petra Conference fee. Given the logistics of the event, please be aware that pupils should bring a **packed lunch** with them on the day, as timings will not permit pupils to queue for and buy normal school lunch on this occasion. School uniform should be worn as normal.
- **Evening lecture on The Relationship between Philosophy and Science at 7.30pm in the DRT:** Dr Vardy will deliver an exciting talk on this controversial subject. This is also **compulsory** for students in Year12 (all IB students and those studying PRS at A level). Some Year 11 students interested in IB or A level PRS are also invited to attend.

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To: Mrs H Dorricott, The Sixth Form Centre, The Portsmouth Grammar School (**by Thursday 17 March**)

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Pupil Name _____ Tutor _____

I am happy for my son/daughter to attend the above conference and I enclose a cheque for £12 made payable to The Portsmouth Grammar School

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)

If you are able to attend, please can you return the reply slip to **Mrs Hilary Dorricott** (IB Secretary) who can be found at the top of the Sixth Form Centre (with accompanying cheque for the conference of £12) as soon as possible and **by 17 March at the very latest.**

We look forward you joining us on this informative day!

Yours sincerely

Dr Ruth Richmond
Head of PRS