

MORE THAN JUST A TALK



The bestselling author and expert on Russian history, Professor Orlando Figes, came to St Mary's to speak to a packed audience about 'Life Under Stalin'. Professor Figes, whose most recent book, *The Whisperers*, has been widely praised, visited the School as part of our ongoing enrichment programme and he is one of many visiting speakers this year in the 'More Than Just a Talk' series.

Other speakers have included Dr Adrian Owen from Cambridge University and Mr Richard Heath, who spoke about global counterfeiting. Former St Mary's Biology teacher Mrs Merylyn Coates came in to talk about her experiences with an expedition on Mount Everest and staff and students were treated to caricatures, when the cartoonist and journalist Matt Buck came to give a talk on his work.

Future speakers include Professor Rebecca Stott from the University of East Anglia speaking about 'Being A Writer', Dr Hugh Shercliff from Cambridge University and Mr Terry Holloway from Marshall's.

Head of Sixth Form, Mr Roy Peachey, who arranged the programme of visiting speakers, said: "We are fortunate to have so many excellent speakers visit the school, enabling our students to gain a wider perspective on the world."