

## **The College welcomes visiting lecturer Matthew Syed**

*Sports Feature writer for The Times,  
speaking on The Science of Success*

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.00pm  
A Sixth Form Lecture in the Arts Centre**

Matthew graduated from Oxford University in 1995 with a prize-winning first class degree in philosophy, politics and economics. His first book '*Bounce*', published in April 2010, has been described as "one of the most intelligent and thought-provoking books about sport ever written". Matthew is currently a columnist and feature writer for *The Times*. He has won numerous prizes for his writing including Sports Journalist of the Year and Sports Feature Writer of the Year.

Before becoming a writer Matthew was the England table tennis number one for almost a decade and three-times Commonwealth Champion. In addition to writing, Matthew also commentates on sport for the BBC and Eurosport. His film for the BBC, *China and Table Tennis*, won bronze medal at the Olympic Golden Rings ceremony in Lausanne. Matthew was one of the co-founders of TTK Greenhouse, a charity which "empowers youngsters through sport" and which currently supports more than 10,000 young people on 31 full-time school programmes.



Sixth Form students are encouraged to prepare questions for Matthew who will answer them whilst giving a red hot table tennis demonstration!

This event is open to staff, parents, Old Ellesmerians and to the members of the Ellesmere community, to book your tickets please contact Doris Taylor on 01691 626541 or email [development@ellesmere.com](mailto:development@ellesmere.com)