

The Whitgiftian Association recognises and acknowledges alumni who have made a significant contribution to the local, national or international community in the course of their career, professionally or through voluntary or charitable work or commitment to Whitgift School. The WA Achievement Awards will be presented from time-to-time when an outstanding candidate emerges.

THE WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, 2014

will be presented to

Lt Col James Coates

at a Dinner to be held in his honour at the School on
Saturday 29th March 2014 at 7:00pm

In association with the Afghanistan Trust



WE are proud to announce that our inaugural Award will be presented to Lt Colonel James Coates, OBE, who attended Whitgift School from 1981-88 and was chosen by *The Daily Telegraph* as one of their top ten 'Britons of the Year' in 2011.

James has enjoyed an action-packed and distinguished career in the Parachute Regiment, culminating in his command of the 3rd Para Battalion in Helmand Province. He introduced a new tactic, subsequently named the "Precision Strike", combining high-level intelligence, CCTV camera surveillance and the use of precision missile attacks.

James has been widely praised for devising and implementing the strategy and setting the benchmark in Afghanistan as the exemplar in exploiting the emerging surveillance technology resulting in him becoming known as "Scourge of the Taliban". Since returning to the UK, James has been a regular visitor to the School and a great supporter of the CCF.

He is currently working at the Cabinet Office consulting directly with 10 Downing Street on all matters relating to military strategy and the deployment of service personnel across the globe.

Tickets: £75 for WA members and their partners, £85 for non-members (£10 early-bird discount if booked before 16th February). Tables of 10: £700 (booked and paid for by a member, £800 non-members). The price includes a 3-course dinner with entertainment, and the opportunity to learn more about this exceptional Whitgiftian and the war in Afghanistan.

Dress: Mess Kit/Black Tie with Decorations.

To secure your places or table, please complete the booking form, or book online at www.whitgiftianassociation.co.uk/events. Telephone 020 8633 9926 or e-mail office@whitgiftianassociation.co.uk for further information or to check your membership status.



BOOKING FORM

Please complete this form and send with your cheque to Whitgiftian Association, Haling Park, South Croydon, CR2 6YT

Please send me tickets for the above event @ £..... per ticket or a table of 10 @ £..... (see above)

Name: Address:

..... Postcode: Telephone:

Email: Partner's Name (if applicable):

Guest 1 Name Guest 2 Name:

I enclose a cheque for: £ (please make cheques payable to: Whitgiftian Association)

No of vegetarian meals required..... Other dietary requirements