



Special Interest Day

at Big School Epsom College

Thursday 11th April 2024

Beside the Spanish seaside

Jacqueline Cockburn gives three lectures on

Picasso, Sorolla and Gaudi

Registration in foyer of Big School

10.00am

Lecture 1.

10:15 -11:15



Pablo Picasso: The boy from Malaga

Pablo Ruiz Picasso was born in the small and poor provincial Andalusian town of Málaga in 1881, just after the end of an economic boom. Unacademic but talented he picked up his father's brushes well before the age of eight and depicted the world around him with its warm sun, chaotic household, bullfights and pigeons. This lecture explores those childhood depictions within the context of 19th century southern Spain under Alfonso XII and XIII. The move by boat to La Coruna in northern Spain took Picasso out of his linguistic and cultural comfort zone but led to art school and eventually to the heady city of Barcelona. The boy from Málaga was on the move, rarely to

return south and with Paris firmly in his sights. We will follow his journey and observe his gradual uprooting and appearance on the artistic stage of the early twentieth century.

Coffee & comfort break

11.15-12.00

Lecture 2

12.00-13.00



Joaquín Sorolla: Painter of Light

One of the most extraordinary Spanish artists from Valencia; Joaquín Sorolla has become better known more recently. He lived from 1863 to 1923 and created a world full of light and colour which delights the senses. Sometimes a social painter he was more concerned with capturing light falling on bodies and sea-scapes and his wonderful technique will be considered in this colourful lecture. His final *Visions of Spain* now in New York will also be shown.

Lunch

13.00-14.30

Lecture 3

14.30-15.30

Fantasy comes from the Ghosts: Gaudí and other Catalan Architects.



Antoni Gaudí is well known and much loved. In this lecture we look in detail at how he engaged with nature and worked with extraordinary ceramicists, iron workers, tilers and decorative artists. We study his public and private buildings and his relationship with a wealthy and demanding patron. Private, shy and retiring he was also humorous and witty. We will also uncover some of the other architects working in Barcelona at the turn of the twentieth century; Domenech y Muntaner and Puig y Cadafalch. Attention will be paid to several significant and ravishing buildings and some less well-known buildings in Barcelona.

This is an Open meeting bring your friends!

Tickets cost £45 and include a hot lunch.

On sale from 7th February 2024

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Please complete the following application when purchasing tickets @ £45 pp

I would like tickets for the Special Interest Day on Thursday 11th April 2024
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