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Dear Parents/Guardians

Prize Giving – Thursday 19 September 2019 at 3.30pm

I have pleasure in inviting you all to our Prize Giving which will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday 19 September. Please note that this year the programme will begin at **3.30pm**, and it would be helpful if you could be seated by 3.20pm. The Guest of Honour will be ex-BWS Governor Captain Nick Beer, Polar Medal (BWS Governor 2002-2011).

After attending HMS Worcester, a school ship on the River Thames, Nick followed a long held ambition and joined the ships of the British Antarctic Survey (BAS). During the following 22 years he worked alongside the foremost polar scientists and in 1988 his personal contribution to Antarctic science and exploration was recognised by the Polar Medal. A career change in 1994 came when he accepted a new government post as a no blame marine accident investigator and he has now investigated over 80 major accidents, becoming a professor at Cranfield University and the General Secretary of the international group of chief marine accident investigators.

All pupils including new Year 7 students are expected to be present. It is anticipated that the event will finish around 5.00pm. **Full school uniform must be worn.**

We hope that all BWS boys recognise the importance of Prize Giving as the main opportunity for publicly celebrating the successes of the academic year past.

Please note: there will be an area of reserved seating at the front of the nave for the Head Master's Guests and parents of senior school prize winners. Please be kind enough *not* to use this area.

Regrettably, parking is no longer allowed in The Close except for the disabled. I regret also that there is no parking available on the BWS site.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood
Head Master