



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

## **Re: Royal Society of Chemistry – ‘Top of the Bench’ Competition**

The Royal Society of Chemistry is organising a local heat of the national ‘Top of the Bench’ Competition on Thursday 14th November at Portsmouth Grammar School. I am pleased to inform you that your son has agreed to be a member of the Bishop Wordsworth’s School team.

This event presents an opportunity for gifted and talented students to use their chemistry in a fun and competitive way. The competition will take the form of practical elements with the pupils being asked to show that they can work as a team, demonstrate safe working practices in a clean and tidy manner, use their intuition in arriving at a way to solve the problem and that they understand the chemistry behind what they have done. They will also need to complete some written challenges. This will no doubt be an interesting day.

Mrs Collingridge has kindly offered to take the team and she will be driving the team to Portsmouth by car. The plan is to leave from the BWS reception 8.15am. The competition finishes in Portsmouth at 4pm so the team should arrive back at approximately 5pm.

If for some reason your son is unwell on the morning then please could you email Mrs Collingridge ([tac@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:tac@bws.wilts.sch.uk)) at your earliest convenience to let her know.

Lunch will be provided by Portsmouth Grammar School.

Your son will be covered by the school’s insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward [sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk) to update your son’s information.

If you would kindly give you consent to your son taking part in the competition I would be most obliged.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Science  
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**To be returned to Mrs Collingridge**

**Royal Society of Chemistry - Top of the Bench Competition – 14th November 2019 at Portsmouth Grammar School.**

I give consent for my son to travel to Portsmouth Grammar School to take part in the 'Top of the Bench' Competition.

Name of student: .....

Signed: ..... Date:.....