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Dear Parents / Guardians,

## **BEGINNERS and INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER CODING CLUB – March 2020**

Starting week beginning 16 March we are offering another opportunity for your son to attend one of our popular, six-week **Computer Coding Courses** with Salisbury-based coding tutor Jez Whitworth, First Coding, who is a specialist in teaching and inspiring creative digital projects.

The courses enable pupils to develop important skills including logical and sequential thinking, problem solving and generally gaining confidence with computers. As each course progresses, students will be able to develop their skills and, importantly, become more confident in their ability to bring their ideas to life digitally.

There are two levels to choose from:

### **Beginners - For boys in Years 7 to 9 with no, or very little, experience of coding**

The beginners' course is designed to build a solid foundation in the principles of developing code. This is achieved through an accessible and fun approach, starting with Scratch and moving on to Python, a widely used programming language.

**Course Dates:** 16 March, 23 March, 30 March, 20 April, 27 April and 4 May

**Time/Place:** Either Monday lunchtime or Monday after school from 4pm – 5pm. Both sessions take place in **IT3**.

**Cost:** The cost of the 6 classes is **£35.00**

### **Intermediate - For anyone in Years 7 to 9 who has already completed the beginners' class and anyone in Year 9 who is interested in jumping straight in at Intermediate level.**

Building on skills developed on the beginners' course, the intermediate course focuses on students designing and building their own 'choose your own adventure' style game. Games will be created using Python and will help students build further knowledge and confidence in coding.

**Course Dates:** 18 March, 25 March, 1 April, 22 April, 29 April and 6 May

**Time/Place:** The sessions take place on Wednesday lunchtimes in **IT2**.

**Cost:** The cost of the 6 classes is **£54.00**

### **Payment**

If you would like your son to take part in any of these courses, please access WisePay through your son's Insight account and select '**WisePay Finance Portal**' the courses can be found under the **Trips and Visit Tab**. If you have any issues accessing WisePay please email [trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk),

Receipt of payment will be taken to mean you wish to take up a place on the course and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If all places have been taken and your son would like to attend a course later in the year, please email me at [ces@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ces@bws.wilts.sch.uk) and I will add his name to the waiting list.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Saunders

Trips and Finance Officer