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Dear Parents/Guardians

Oxbridge Events 2020

Each year a significant number of BWS pupils apply to Oxford and Cambridge Universities and a pleasing number of them obtain places – 18 this year, far above the average. We believe it is very important for pupils to be aware of the opportunities available to them at an early stage and I am pleased to outline two events which may be of interest to your son.

Robinson College, Cambridge – Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March:

This will be an overnight trip with dinner, bed and breakfast at Robinson College. On the Wednesday we will be given a talk by the Admissions Tutor and a tour of the college itself before meeting up with BWS alumni for tours of the city and other colleges, as well as a chance to find out about particular courses at Cambridge. On Thursday we will all visit Clare College, after which the scientists will be given a tour of the Earth Sciences department while the humanities students visit a research library and ancient manuscript collection. After lunch and a last chance to explore Cambridge, we will return to Salisbury at the end of the afternoon. The cost of the trip will be £30.00 – a bargain as it largely represents the transport cost: Robinson are Cambridge's link College for Wiltshire and are providing accommodation and most meals very cheaply.

Merton College, Oxford – proposed Wednesday 29 April tbc:

This will be a day visit to Merton College where we will be given a talk by the Admissions Tutor and then a Question and Answer session with current students. A tour of the college will then take place before we have lunch in their hall. Students will then meet up with some Old Wordsworthians to tour the city and other colleges, as well as having a chance to discuss what studying at Oxford is really like. The cost of the trip will be £13.00, which again is essentially the cost of the minibus travel.

We have a number of students who have already indicated their interest in applying to these institutions and we are sure that many others will want to explore what they have to offer. I am therefore requesting that boys who wish to attend these events fill in the reply slip below and return it to me, with payment, no later than **Wednesday 11 March**. **Students wishing to attend either or both visits must also complete a Subject Support form** (attached), complete with the signatures of their subject teachers and submit this with their reply slip and payment. **Please note that there are limited spaces available on both trips, so a timely response is important.** A full itinerary will be given out to students closer to the time.

Yours sincerely

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Careers Leader



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Please complete and return by Wednesday 11 March in an envelope marked with your son's name, house and visit details along with the correct payment and Subject Support form, to be given in at the Sixth Form Office.

Son's Name: House:

Please tick the trip(s) that your son wishes to attend:

- **Robinson College, Cambridge – Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March (£30)**
- **Merton College, Oxford – Wednesday 29 April (tbc) (£13)**

Payment should be made by cheque only - if applying for both visits please provide separate cheques.

For either visit a Subject Support form should be filled in with the signatures of subject teachers.

Please update Mrs Hayward if there has been any change in your son's medical details – sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Signed: (Parent/Guardian) Contact Tel No:

