

Bishop Wordsworth's School, Exeter Street, Salisbury SP1 2ED

June 2015

Dear Parent

11+ FAMILIARISATION AND STUDY SKILLS CLASSES

Following the classes offered here at Bishop Wordsworth's School over the last three academic years and the very positive feedback received from parents, I am writing to inform you that we will be offering further 11+ Familiarisation courses, in the forthcoming academic year. All classes are open to boys and girls in Year 5 as at September 2015 and will aim to strengthen their study skills in Maths and English and also to give them the opportunity to gain some basic familiarity with the format of the respective 11+ questions.

The courses will run for 6 weeks, with the first course beginning on 30 September, the second 27 January, the third 11 May, all taking place on a Wednesday between 4.00 - 5.30 pm. Children will be in -small classes with a maximum size of 15 in each, and they will be taught by subject specialists.. There will be a charge for enrolment of £15/session, but there will be either subsidised or free places for children whose parents are either in receipt of state benefits or who are in reduced circumstances.

The classes are open to boys and girls whether they intend to take the 11+ or not. Our aim is to offer an alternative, cheaper and better quality option to the private tutors that are available elsewhere, with the added bonus that children will work on generic study skills that should benefit their Key Stage 2 core subjects too. Further information will be available on the Bishop's website at <u>www.bws-school.org.uk</u>, and the school website is, of course, the best source of up to date information about application to Bishop's and the 11+ process.

If you would like to enrol your son or daughter for the familiarisation/study skills classes then please return the completed reply slip together with a cheque for £90 made payable to Bishop Wordsworth's School. If you are in receipt of income support or another state benefit, please state this when you return your slip so that we can take this into account when considering the level of subsidy that we can award. If there are other personal or family circumstances which you feel would merit the award of a subsidised rate of payment, please send the details to Mrs B Singleton (Admin Officer) when you return your slip. In both of these cases we will consider the information that you have given and contact you in due course.

I hope that this initiative is of interest to both you and your son/daughter, and I do hope that you take up this opportunity to learn a little about what the Salisbury Grammar Schools have to offer and enhance your child's learning in his/her last couple of years of Junior School.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood Head Master

Reply Slip please return to:

Mrs B Singleton at Bishop Wordsworth's School , Exeter Street, Salisbury SP1 2ED

□ I would like to enrol my Son/Daughter on the familiarisation/study skills classes at BWS and enclose a cheque made payable to Bishop Wordsworth's School for £90.

<u>Or</u>

□ I would like to be considered for a subsidy and enclose evidence of Income Support or a written request to support the application.

| Your Name | |
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| Son's/Daughter's Name | |
| Current School | |
| Contact Details: Address | |
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| Mobile Number | Home Number |
| Email address | (please ensure this is very clear) |

Please tick the course date you would prefer – (however please be aware that whilst we will endeavour to offer you a place on the course of your choice, this may not always be possible. If this is the case we will try to offer you a place on a different course).

| 30 September 2015 | 27 January 2016 | 11 May 2016 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 7 October | 3 February | 18 May |
| 14 October | 10 February | 25 May |
| Term Break | Term Break | Term Break |
| 4 November | 24 February | 8 June |
| 11 November | 2 March | 15 June |
| 18 November | 9 March | 22 June |